

**TOWN OF
EASTHAM, MA**

MEETINGS

1701-1706

SOUTH

PRECINCT

1731-1762

START

At the same meeting (viz) December 13th 1699
The town voted that no person or persons whatsoever shall for the
future cut any wood or brush that grows between the land of Josiah
Cocks land and the land of Thomas Mulford and the land from the
flash to the lower end of sd Mulford's land in the nooks on such penalty
as the law provides for cutting of wood on another mans land to be reco-
vered by due process of law by any of the towns men of Eastham

At a town meeting in Eastham February 9th 1710 it was voted that
the prohibition of cutting trees between sd flash by Josiah Cocks land
and the water side down to sd nook below Mulford's land as it was granted
and prohibited at a town meeting in Eastham December 13th 1699
be sent up to sd Court of quarter sessions for approbation

These above written and both were copies taken out of sd books of acts &
orders of sd Town of Eastham March 26th 1711

Attest John Paine Town Clerk

Barnstable ss

At the Court of Generall sessions of sd peace holden within and for
the County of Barnstable on 5th of April 1711 the Court did also
approve of sd within written Town order or by-law attest W^m Bassett Clerk
It was Lippie Rowland being transcribed from the original May 8th 1711

Attest John Paine Town Clerk

A list of the present Townsmen of Caledonia February 1707/8

Major John Freeman
 * Mr Smith Squire
 X Joseph Harding
 * Deacon Smith Freeman
 John Bangor
 * Mr John Bangor
 Jonathan Higgins Senr
 X Daniel Doan
 * John Rogers
 John Cole Senr
 Lieut John Rogers
 Eliah Cooke Senr
 Joseph Snow
 * Samuel Daine
 Capt Thomas Daine
 Capt Samuel Freeman
 Israel Cole
 * Nathaniel Mayes
 Lieut John Daine
 Titus Wixam
 William Walker
 Thomas Mayes Senr
 Samuel Mayes Senr
 * James Mayes
 John Sparrow
 Samuel Knowles Senr
 Joseph Herrick
 * Timothy Cole Senr
 Joshua Hopkins
 Isaac Poppo
 X Joseph Young
 John Daine
 Thomas Smith Senr
 X Constant Freeman
 * Nathaniel Atkins
 Daniel Cole Senr
 X Thomas Chulford
 X Eliah Cooke Senr
 Joseph Doan Senr
 Jacob Higgins
 Joseph Atkins
 Jonathan Higgins Senr
 Jonathan Sparrow
 George Brown Senr
 Robert Young
 John Walker
 Nicholas Daine
 John Cole Senr
 John Doan Senr
 Isaac Doan
 Barnabas Wixam
 * Daniel Mayes
 Samuel Mayes Senr
 Daniel Atwood
 Thomas Cole

Thomas Cole
 Mosiah Harding
 Joseph Harding
 Jonathan Linnell
 Benjamin Snow
 William Twining
 Nathaniel Freeman Esq
 James Rogers
 Israel Doan
 John Chulford
 Richard Sparrow
 Micajah Snow
 David Young
 Joseph Cole
 John Knowles
 George Snow
 David Doan
 Joseph Rogers
 Isaac Higgins
 Thomas Mayes Junr
 Theophilus Mayes
 Samuel Doan
 Richard Cooke
 John Collins
 Thomas Doan
 William Brown
 X Nathaniel Harding
 Eliah Harding
 Joseph Collins Junr
 X Calob Cooke
 John Withers
 Joseph Atwood
 Samuel Knowles Junr
 Nathaniel Mayes Junr
 Samuel Harding
 John Smith
 Nicholas Snow
 Eliah Higgins
 Benjamin Cooke

July 18th 1928

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there entered - By me Joseph Doane your clerk

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here entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

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over not known & the same has been puffed up, at my door of my dwelling house
as the last direct & has been by me Joseph Davis town clerk.

Confirmed by me Joseph Anne Townick

fallen in their porpoise net in the latter part of the last July
of William Parine of St. Egidium Esq. which St. Porpoise being kept & continued
By Mr. Joseph Boone gun clerk.

(3)
At a Town Meeting in Eastham on the 11th Day of March 1705/6
The Town made choice for Town Clerk—John Parra

for Select men — { Joseph Doan
Samuel Mayo Senr
Nathan Freeman.

for men to have negative
vote in disposing of land { Capt Freeman
Samuel Mayo Senr
Joseph Doan
Samuel Parra
John Parra

For Constable Mr Isaac Pepper

For ~~Constable~~ Town Treasurer — Joseph Doan

For Tithing men Josiah Cook Senr and Joseph Higgins

For Surveyors of Highways Daniel Cole and Isaac Doan

For four viewers Samuel Knowlton John Sparrow and Thomas Cole

For pound keeper Jeremiah Smith Senr

For Grand Jurymen Elpha Edward Moseiah Harding

For to serve on the Jury of weals at Barnstable Daniel Cole & Thomas Cole

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the eleventh day of March 1705/6
at the Request of Mr Ebenezer White the Town voted that if the
Ebenezer White shall and doth in forty reasonable time provide and send
down another School-master to serve the Town the time that he is
aged for which is one year from the fifth day of November last at
for the rate of twenty pounds per annum that when the Town will dis-
charge Mr White from his engagement provided the Schoolmaster be such
as the Town shall accept of

At a Town meeting March the 11th 1705/6 granted to the proprietors be-
longing to the great meadow liberty to fence across at a mouth of a great
meadow where they shall Judge most convenient to prevent horses and cattle
from coming up into the meadow

At a Town meeting March 11th 1705/6 The town made choice of Samuel
Knowlton Capt Samuel Freeman and Richard Higgins for a committee in
the towns behalf to discourse with the proprietors of Samsons land in or-
der to exchange it with the town that the said Samsons land may be kept
and reserved for place to pasture rams on which committee one to make a re-
turn of to the Town of their proceedings in a manner on the 25th day of which
stant march unto which day this meeting is deferred

at a Town meeting begun March the 11th 1705/6 and continued by adjourn-
ment to Monday the 25th of March the Town made choice of Jedediah
Lumbar Junior for Constable for the following year

March the 25th 1706 the Town meeting on the 11th of march 1705 being adjourned to this day met and ~~made~~ the committee chosen on 11th of march to dis-
cuss and treat with the proprietors of Sampson's land in order to exchange
it with the Town to be kept for a place to pasture Rains on made returns to
the Town of their proceedings as followeth

In order to what was committed by the Town to our trust ^{and with reference} was the com-
mittee chosen by the Town to discourse with the proprietor of Sampson's land in
order to exchange it with the Town for the convenience of a pasture for rains
was the committee having discourse with the proprietor and with John
Paine in especial manner being the principle proprietor of D. land and
have brought matters relating thereto to this maturity (viz) that the Town
shall grant to John Paine or his order about six or seven acres of land
about ~~ten~~ ^{ten} ~~between~~ ^{between} the land of Daniel Cole senior and a
pond called the millponds and that the Town shall also grant to D. Paine
or his order seven Acres of land somewhere near the house of Joseph
Higgins and Eliza Higgins where the negative men shall Judge convenient
out and that the Town grant to Jonathan Higgins Junior about two acres
and two thirds of an Acre of upland adjoining to his land near his dwelling
house and that the Town exchange the land which now belongs to Jonathan
Joseph and Eliza Higgins lying in pochy where the house of Jonathan Hig-
gins senior formerly stood giving to them as much land as the upper end
of the land of Jonathan Linnel where D. Linnel's house now is and also
that the Town grant to John Paine some where about his land near
now his house so much land as having due regard to quantity and qual-
ity shall be in the judgment of the negative men with the consent of D.
Paine with the forementioned parcels of land a sufficient satisfaction to
D. Paine for his land at Sampson's land which is about twenty Acres.
And that D. John Paine shall give to the Town as much convenient
of his site on D. land only the Town allowing D. Paine to sow flax and
oats on D. land this present year what he shall see cause convenient not
exceeding four Acres and that the rest of the proprietors of D. land
who ~~there~~ are willing to exchange their D. land with the Town shall have
land granted and laid out to them by the Towns order adjoining to their other
land or where the Negative men with the consent of the party concerned
shall Judge convenient having due regard to the quantity and quality of
the land exchanged that so they may make an equal exchange thus far
we have proceeded in order to what was committed to us and present it to y^e
Town's consideration

The above D. Town meeting march the eleventh 1705/6 being adjourned
to ~~the~~ the 25th day of march current the Town then met and the com-
mittee appointed by the Town march 11th made the above D. returns of
their proceedings to y^e Town and the Town then voted their approbation of
the same and in order to the confirmation and confirming thereof order
ed and voted That the man appointed by the Town to have a negative
vote in disposing of land within D. Town shall forthwith lay out land
to John Paine and the rest of the proprietors of Sampson's land ac-
cording to y^e above written vote and returns of the committee
and cause what land they lay out on that account to be committed to
record and to make in the Town's name and be Ralt Legall convey-
ances for y^e land at Sampson's land of y^e proprietors thereof and the land
they lay out shall be granted in y^e Town's name and being approved by
the major part of D. negative men shall be committed to record

Recorded p. J. Paine Town Clerk

At a town meeting on the thirtieth day of April 1706 The Town made choice of Mr Samuel Knowles to serve as their Representative at the Generall Court at Boston the following year
at the same meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Mirrick for apound Keeper for this year

At a town meeting in Eastham on the thirtieth day of ~~May~~ April 1706 The Town by vote granted to Mr Samuel Knowles to Enjoy and Inherit to his heirs and assigns for ever as his and their proper Rite & priviledge for ever the priviledge of shutting up his Gates and fencing his land about his homestead (or land lying near his now dwelling house) after the same manner and with the same Condition in all respects as to all Intents and purposes as it is and was granted to him (in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and four on the eighth day of May) for the space of ten years as doth or may appear upon Record. So that the grant then made to S Knowles only for and during the space of ten years is now lawfully continued and confirmed to him his heirs and assigns to have hold and Enjoy forever Recorded & John Paine Town Clerk for which he promises to serve the Town the first sessions of the Generall Court at Boston as their Representative gratis

At a Town meeting in Eastham June 24th 1706 the Town made choice of Joseph Colborn senior and Joseph Doane to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next Court of quarter sessions at Barnstable

At a town meeting on the 12th day of August 1706 It was voted that there should be a rate or Tax of thirty six pounds made and sett on the rateable Estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham and District thereof for the defraying of the County tax set on the Town by the Justices at the quarter sessions in July last and to pay their Representative for serving at the Generall Court which money is to be gathered and received at the Rate of eight shillings per acre way

At a Town meeting in Eastham August the 12th 1706 It was then voted that the select men or assessors forthwith make a rate or Tax of sixty and seven pounds to be collected and paid at a rate of eight shillings per acre way. Sixty five pounds whereof is for the defraying Mr Treasors salary according to Town agreement and two pounds towards Town charges

At the same meeting (viz) August 12th 1706 the Town made choice of Captain Thomas Paine for an assessor to join with the select men of this Town in making the list of the Province and Town assessments

At a Town meeting in Eastham August the 12th 1706 the Town granted to Samuel Mayo Jr a parcel of trees growing on a parcel of land lying to the northward of his now dwelling house at Billingsgate named by all the trees growing on that parcel of upland bounded as followeth (viz) Beginning at the northern corner bound of his sd land from thence running northerly eight pole from thence running easterly parallel with the longer of his own land forty pole and from thence eight pole southerly to the bound of his own land and from thence westerly by the range of his sd land to the first bound specified
at the above sd town meeting (viz) August 12th 1706 the Town assessed at called Cooke for a towns man

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 21th day of September 1706 the Town made choice of Josiah Cooke sen and Saml Paine sen to serve on the Jury of tryalls at Barnstable the following Court

At a town meeting in Eastham March the 5th 1706

The town chose for men to have negative vote in disposing of land within the town

Thomas Mayo
Samuel Paine
Samuel Froomean
Nathaniel Froomean
John Paine

for selectmen

for Constables

John Knowles
Jedediah Lumber Jr

Thomas Mayo
Nathaniel Froomean
John Paine
Thomas Melfford
John Snow

for town clerk John Paine

for town treasurer Joseph Doan

for tithingmen John Melfford and Jonathan Linnal

for Grandjurymen Israel Doan and Benjamin Smale

for men to serve on the Jury of Tryals Samuel Hodg and Edward Linwick

for fence viewers John Cole Jr Labor Snow and William Walker

for Surveyors of the Highways Samuel Mayo Sr & Thomas Cole

for Pound Keeper Joseph Mervick

At the same meeting (viz) March y^e 5th 1706 The town voted to exchange the land laid out to Joshua Hopkins in way of exchange for land at Sampson Island which land lies by the side of his field being about an Acre and to lay him out as much land about the house of Joshua Harding

at a town meeting March y^e 5th the town voted that Mr Ebenezer White should be engaged and employed in the town service as a schoolmaster for the town for one year and a quarter after his present term is expired

March the 5th 1706 The town made choice of John Sparrow Thomas Doan and John Paine to draw up propositions to present to the town in order to burning the wood on y^e great Island and Little Island

according to the above written Instructions of the town the sd John Sparrow Thomas Doan and John Paine draw up the following propositions to propose to the town of Eastham with reference to y^e burning the wood on the Great Island Little Island at Bickingsgate in sd Eastham

1st Was proposed that no person or persons other than such as the natural and allowed Inhabitants of the town of Eastham or that have a legal title and property therein and those unto shall be allowed or suffered to sit down on whaling wharves at the Great Island or Lieutenant's Island at Bickingsgate in sd Eastham but on the conditions hereafter mentioned. (That is to say) that the Responder or Boatman of every Boat crew at their first coming to sit down at afore sd on either of sd Islands shall then pay down or give some vity to pay to such man or men as y^e sd town shall nominate and appoint for said service two shillings per head for every person not of the town at afore sd which they have in their Boats crew which money shall be for the use of the town to make satisfaction and compensation for their sitting down on sd Islands and for the wood they burn for firing in their Boats on sd wharves and that every Responder or Boatman not conforming to this order shall pay as a fine to the town twenty shillings and that effectual care be taken that all persons and that no man shall not come to the order shall and may be prosecuted as trespassers according to law for any wood which they shall cut on sd Islands and all Indians that shall settle or sit down on sd Islands shall be conformable to the same order as above sd and that an order be made to prevent any of the town from supplying any foreigners or above said with wood and that no person what soever shall be allowed from paying as afore sd by any of the town under pretences of being their servant or otherwise excepting such as are Bonafide bound to them by indentures to serve an apprenticeship with them and not otherwise and that the town appoint a person and authorize him to take care of the premises and allow him one quarter part of the money for his maintenance for the first two years voted at a town meeting in sd Eastham April y^e 9th 1704

Day of May

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 19th 1704 The Town made choice of Mr Samuel Knowles to serve as their representative at the General Court at Boston the following year - who being present accepted

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the nineteenth day of May 1707 the town granted liberty to John Knowles to fence along the Bank from his fence against Shutebush to the Southward till he comes within about six rods of William Twinings land at Smithsneck and to down in to y^e water for the Spaw of ten years

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the ninth day of June 1707 the Town made choice of Joshua Hopkins and John Paine to serve on the Jury of tryalls at Barnstable the next July Court

at a town meeting in Eastham on the 21st day of July 1707 the Town voted that the select men should make avails of one hundred and twenty pounds to be levied on the polls and estates of the Town of Eastham to defray the Towns salary the County rate of shoon poore and night shillings to pay the charge of a school master and other necessary and contingent Town charges

at a town meeting on the twenty fourth day of September 1707 the Town made choice of Nathaniel Freeman and Jonathan Higgins Jr and to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the twenty fourth day of September one thousand seven hundred and seven the Town voted to give to Mr Saml Knowles ^{several} ~~several~~ of upland and swamp lying on the western side of his lot of land at the head of Great Namskeet that it is to give to him two rods wide the whole length of his land on the western side joining to D land

Whereas Complaint is made of an error in laying out the lot of meadow which was granted to Caleb Hopkins in the Great meadows so that the lot is to be impaired and the lot of meadow being now in the lawful possession of Thomas Rich of sd Eastham so that the Damages if any be falls on sd Rich therefore to the intent that n^o may in what matter take place the Town at a Town meeting in sd Eastham did chuse and appoint Capt Saml Freeman to survey sd lot and if he finds any error on that account to lay out so much meadow in some other place for sd Rich as may be accounted a sufficient compensation for granting and granting to make good sd Damages and to make return to the Town of his doings therein that it may be committed to record according to order

At a Town meeting in Eastham Church the 22nd 1707

The Town made choice of Capt^{Saml} Freeman Thomas Mayo Saml Paine Saml Knowles and John Paine for men to raise a negative vote in disposing of land within sd Town for the following year

For Town Treasurer Mr Joseph Doan

For Town Clerk — John Paine

For Townsman Jonathan Sparrow & Samuell Higgins

For Constables Mr David Abbott & William Dyer

For Selectmen Capt Thomas Paine Thomas Mayo Saml Paine John Paine and Thomas Mulford

For Tithingmen Nathaniel Mayo Saml and Josiah Cooke Junr

To serve on the Jury of tryalls Edward Knowles and David Doan

For fence viewrs Thomas Mulford Jedediah Lumber Joseph Higgins and Nathaniel Mayo of Town

For Surveyors of the Highways Capt Thomas Paine Saml Paine and Richard Higgins

For pound Keeper John Morrish

at a Town meeting in Eastham Church the 22nd 1707
voted by the town that Mr Saml Knowles and the upland that lies between his lot of land at the head of Great Namskeet and the shadow of Stephen Hopkins senior

at a town meeting in Eastham Church the 22nd 1707 at the request of Saml Hodge the Town voted to forgive sd Hodge his fine of four pounds which was due on him for fishing dried and was due to the poor of the town with this condition that he pay in George Shaw twenty shillings

(3)
Granted to Captain Samuel Freeman Lieut Joshua Bangor and Nicholas
Paine (at a Town Meeting in Eastham March y^e 22nd 1707th) liberty to let a
windmill on the hill above St Nicholas Paine gate

at the same Meeting (viz) March y^e 22nd 1707th granted to Joshua Bangor
liberty to let up a shop near his dwelling house on the same side of the Highway
as his dwelling house now stands

voted at a Town Meeting in Eastham March y^e 22nd 1707th that the
land formerly granted to William Smith should be exchanged for a lay his
land more convenient to fence

at a Town Meeting in Eastham April y^e 5th 1708 The Town voted that
the valuation of the Estates of the Town of Eastham should be forthwith perfected
according to the direction of an act of the General Court although the time therein
prescribed be already past

at the same Meeting (viz) April y^e 5th 1708 The Town made choice of Mr
Samuel Knowles for a Commissioner to Try with the Selectmen or Trustees of
the Town of Eastham in taking and making valuation of the Estates of the Town
and the Town also made choice at the same Meeting of Capt Thomas Paine
Thomas Chafford John Paine Thomas Chappin and Samuel Cole to Try with the Com
missioner in making the valuation

Whereas Mr Samuel Knowles complains that he is damaged in his lot
of meadow in y^e Great meadow which he bought of Mr Tread by other Lots (viz)
John Chafford and Maxiah Harding being part of them laid out on St Knowles
his lot the Town therefore at a Town Meeting in Eastham on y^e 5th day of a
prid 1708 made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman and John Paine to visit
the lot and of Mr Knowles and to lay out to St Chafford and Harding meadow
in some other place to make up the damage to lay out to Mr Knowles meadow
to make up what he is damaged and what the Town engaged
to establish and confirm

at a Town Meeting in Eastham on the tenth day of May 1708 The Town made choice
of Mr Samuel Knowles for a Representative to serve at the General Court which to be held at Boston
for the May session which was being profert accepted

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Granted to Mr Samuel Knowles Senior at a Town Meeting in Eastham May y^e 10th 1708
liberty to shut up his Gates at the Road of the Town Cove and enclose his land all round the
Road of the Cove throughout the whole year he the St Knowles quitting his claim to all the me
dow that is taken off from his lot of meadow (which he bought of Mr Tread in the Great meadow)
by several lots which by mistake were laid out by the Towns order to particular persons in the
year 1703 so that the true meaning and intent of this grant is that the St Knowles shall
have full and enjoy to him his Right and rights forever all the Common land of the Town which
was enclosed by his fence as it now stands with liberty to shut up his gates as afore said forever
only allowing forever a foot way for people to pass through his land over the Road of the Cove with com
mon rights and that the Bound of all the lot which was taken upon his lot of meadow which he
bought of Mr Tread shall for ever stand and remain as they are now upon record in the Town Book
and that persons shall forever possess and enjoy all the meadow comprised and within St Knowles with out
molestation from St Knowles his heirs or assigns forever

Whereas there is an offshoot of away through the Southern end of the lot of land of Doan's Dan
iel Doan which lies to the northward of his new dwelling-house to go to that new bar
Road towards Timothy Cole and John Cole and the St Daniel Doan being willing to sell of
his St land as to leave a convenient way and to take up with as much at the western part of
his St lot as he leaves out on the Southern part only reserving the wood and what grows on it
part he leaves out to him self it is therefore granted by the Town at a Town Meeting in East
ham May y^e 10th 1708 that St land shall be exchanged and that he the St Doan's Doan leaving out
away at St Southern part of his St land for away St shall have as much allowed and laid out to
him at St western part of his St lot where it may be most convenient

Granted by the Town of Eastham at a Town Meeting on the tenth day of May 1708 To
Hase Poppo Daniel Cole the son of Mr Daniel Cole Thomas Cole John Collins Samuel Doan
Nathaniel Mayo Sen and Nathaniel Mayo the son of Mr John Mayo all the trees that grow upon
that point or Island of upland lying at Billingsgate commonly called Twinings point on the Southern
side of Indian brook for the preservation of their all woods from said

At a Town Meeting in Eastham on y^e fourteenth day of June 1708 The Town
made choice of Joseph Collins Sen and Thomas Doan to serve on the Jury of
Tryall at the next Court of quarter Sessions to be holden at Barnstable

at a Town Meeting in Eastham June y^e 14th 1708 Granted to Samuel Paine liberty to let his
dwelling house on y^e Town common land somewhere on y^e western side of his land where he shall think
most convenient

At a town meeting in Eastham August 2nd 1708 The town voted to raise
fifty five pounds on y^e inhabitants of y^e town for the defraying y^e town's salary
Whereas there is necessity of money being raised in the town for the paying the town's
Representative for the defraying county charges and for the defraying and defraying other
necessary and contingent charges arising within y^e town it is ordered and voted by the
town of Eastham at a town meeting on the second day of August 1708 that the
selectmen of y^e town do assess the inhabitants of y^e town and distribute the sum
of forty pounds to be improved for the order and use aforesaid
Whereas the town of Eastham have made orders and taken care to remove the wood
upon the Great Pond and Little Pond at Killingsgate and to cause the same to be removed
to sit down on y^e lands on whaling wharves and the order therefore that y^e order and act of y^e
town may be presented to y^e select according to the true intent of y^e act and order that y^e
at a town meeting in y^e Eastham on y^e 2nd day of August 1708 made choice of John Paine
to take care of y^e Congregational and to receive of all persons that according to y^e order and act
god to pay what money is by y^e order due to y^e town and to use all manner of lawful ways
to recover the same and what the y^e Paine shall lawfully do with respect to y^e provisions
the y^e town do hereby oblige them selves to receive and confirm and accept of as if done by y^e
town

at a town meeting in Eastham August 2nd 1708 the town ordered the select
men of y^e town to take care to procure a schoolmaster for the town
at y^e same meeting viz August 2nd 1708 The town voted that y^e selectmen
of Eastham should agree with a collector to collect and gather that part of y^e
publick taxes or assessments which is y^e school part in Constable otherwise to be
taken

At a town meeting in Eastham on the 22nd day of September 1708
The town made choice of Ensign Edmund Froome and Mr Isaac
Phipps to serve on the jury of trials at the next Inferior Court at
Barnstable

At a town meeting in Eastham March 9th 1708 The town made choice
for town officers as followeth

viz } for man to have a negative vote in
disposing of land

Sammell Paine
Saml Mayo
John Deane
Danth Cole
John Paine

for Grandjurymen

Thomas Rich
David Deane

at the above y^e town meeting (viz) March 9th 1708 The town voted
to chuse but three selectmen for the following year and accordingly made
choice of Thomas Mayo Danth Cole and Thomas Mayo but they being present
would not accept of the charge whereupon the town proceeded to another choice
and chose Saml Mayo Senior Mr Isaac Phipps and Richard Higgins
Capt Thomas Paine and Thomas Clufford
for Constables the town made choice of John Higgins and Benjamin
Smale

for town treasurer John Paine

for town clerk John Paine

for sitting men ————— Abner Borington and William Smith

for men to serve on the jury of trials at Barnstable in April next
Thomas Mayo Thomas Deane

for five viewers Sammell Paine Nathaniel Mayo Junr and Joshua
Hopkins

for surveyors of the highways John Sparrow John Clufford and
Joseph Atkins

for pound keeper Joseph Morricks

granted to George Shaw three or four Acres of upland to be laid
out to him in such place as the Major part of the men appointed
have a negative vote in disposing of land in Eastham that shall
be most convenient

Granted to Saml Knosholt June by the town of Eastham at a town meeting in 2d Eastham March 9th 1708. To exchange town lots of land near the land of Major Bradmans and to take up some in Natick City and quality at the discretion of the negotiators about the Road of

Granted to Eliza Edward about three acres of upland near the Dwelling house at Billingsgate

At a town meeting in Eastham May 11th 1709 The Town made choice of John Pain to serve for and Represent them at the Great and General Court at Boston at the same meeting May 11th 1709 voted by the Town that they approved and accepted of the account made up with the Town Treasurer (Mr Joseph Doane) by John Pain May 13th 1709

May the 11th 1709 voted by the town of Eastham ^{at a town meeting in Eastham} that they do not satisfied in what is done by the Justices of Plymouth and Barnstable County with reference to the altering the High-way about Joneses-River Bridge and demolishing D Bridge

voted May 11th 1709 that Joseph Doane Esqr answer in the Towns behalf to the Justices of the General Sessions of the peace at Barnstable with reference to the Towns being proposed for want of a schoolmaster on April Sessions 1709

at a town meeting May 11th 1709 the Town voted that the selectmen take all the up land meeting May 11th 1709 that the Town voted that the selectmen take a fieldman come to provide a schoolmaster for the town of Eastham with all expenses

Whereas Mr Josiah Cooke has layd claims to part of several lots of meadow in 2d Great meadow in Eastham which have been laid out by the Towns order and Grants to particular persons which claim of D Cooke is judged to be illegal and unjust yet notwithstanding the Town doth hereby consent to leave the decision of that matter to Colonel John Thatchers Esqr and Capt. John Sticks Esqr to determine and make a final issue of the matter that is to determine where and how far D Cooke bounds of his meadow where shall be laid and where they shall terminate and to also hereby appoint Mr Saml Knosholt to be an agent for the Town in that behalf voted at a town meeting in Eastham May 11th 1709

at a town meeting in Eastham June 24th 1709 Barnabas Wixam and Josiah Harding were chosen to serve on the jury of tryalls at Barnstable at the Court of Common pleas

at a town meeting in Eastham June 24th the Town renewed their Grant of about three acres of land to Eliza Edward

at a town meeting in Eastham June 24th 1709 Granted to Saml Mays William Twining Joseph Rogers and such others as shall join with them to make a hedge fence along where the fence now stands from the land of John Sparrow to the to the land which was formerly Mr Edwards Banglors to the person it is granted the privilege of D land to dry hay on annually until such time as the town shall order otherwise

At a town meeting in Eastham July 27th 1709 ordered and voted that a Rate or assessment of one Hundred and thirty pounds be set on the Inhabitants of the town and precincts of Eastham to be collected by the Constable or Constables and paid in to the Town Treasurer on his order on or before the last day of November next which is for the ends and purposes hereafter named (viz for the salarying Mr Wools Salary to answer and pay the charges of the County for the paying the Representatives that serve the Town at the Great and General Court or otherwise at Boston and to answer and pay other necessary and contingent charges arising within the town and the selectmen of the town are hereby ordered to collect the same of the Inhabitants of this town and precinct according to the discretion of the laws in that behalf and to make return to the Town Treasurer of the exact sum which they set on the Town and precinct some time before the fifteenth day of September next

Entered of Jos. Paine Town Clerk

At a town meeting September 25th 1710 The Town made choice of John Knosholt and Josiah Harding to serve on the jury of tryalls the next Court at Barnstable of another plant and general sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable

A town meeting in Eastham march 21th 1799/1800

The Town made choice for to serve on the Grand Inquest
the following year of Daniel Mayo and Robert Young

To serve on the Jury of tryalls the next Court } Capt John Doane
} Ensign Edward Freeman

For Selectmen _____ } Samuel Mayo Sen
} Isaac Poppon
} Richard Higgins

For men to have a negative vote
in disposing of land _____ } Samuel Knowlton Sen
} Samuel Doane
} Thomas Mayo Sen
} Daniel Cole
} John Paine

For Constable _____ } Jacob Doane

For Sittingsmen _____ } Joseph Atkins
} William Swinney

For Town Clerk _____ John Paine

For Town Treasurer _____ John Paine

For Surveighors of Highways _____ } John Young
} Nathaniel Doane
} George Brown Jr

For four jurors _____ } John Cole Junr
} William Walker
} Elodad Atwood

For pound Keeper _____ Joseph Morrish

at the above sd town meeting march 21th 1799/1800
it was voted by the Town of Eastham that the
Selectmen of y^e Town should take care to build a new pound
some time this summer ensuing

at a town meeting in Eastham march 21th 1799/1800 voted that the
Town of Eastham will free the Inhabitants of Billingsgate (that is all
that live to the northward of Great Blackfish Creek from bearing any charge
in supporting the minister or school-master within sd town provided (and
so long as) they are provided with and support an orthodox preacher to dispense
the word of God unto them who keep a willing & revering silence among them

at a town meeting in Eastham march 21th 1799/1800 granted to Mr Samuel
Knowlton Sen liberty to exchange his land that lyeth on the south
East side of sd Cove being about five acres and to take up land in lieu thereof
at the head of the Cove on the northern side of the Swamp which is in the land
formerly Mr Treats

at the above sd town meeting march 21th 1799/1800 granted (by the Town
of Eastham) liberty to John Smith to exchange his lot of land below y^e
Highway and that parcel of land by his new dwelling house and to take
up land in lieu thereof adjoining to his other land towards Daniel Smiths

Granted to Nicholas Snow (at a Town meeting in Eastham march 21th 1799/1800
about half an acre of upland at the head of Great Neckshat convenient to
the place where the Nogativemen men shall Judge most convenient

At a Town meeting in Eastham March 26th 1710 being a meeting warned to consider and take care about dividing or laying out the Towns Common or undivided land and the Town at a Town meeting in Eastham March 26th 1710 having made choice of Mr Saml Knowles Lieut John Doane Mr Joseph Collins Senior Mr Danl Cole Jr and Micajah Snow and John Paine for a committee to draw up propositions referring therunto accordingly at sd meeting March 26th sd Committee brought into sd meeting the resolution following which was then voted by the Town in the words as followeth (viz) In order to what was committed to us by the Town first we propose that there be four Acres apiece of the Best of ye open or plain Land granted by ye Town and laid out to every male person that is an absovd Inhabitant of this Town of Eastham and is now Arrived to the age of twenty and one year and where the land is woud to be so much more laid out so as to make each ones allotment alike as now as may be for quantity and quality and that there be a Committee chosen by ye Town to lay out sd land as much as may be to the advantage or convenience of each one who is to receive it and that this said land be laid out and approved by the Major part of y^e men appointed to have an equal vote in disposing of land within sd Town shall be Recorded to y^e persons respectively to whom it is granted and laid out as a warrant from ye Town of Eastham to them their heirs and assigns to have and to hold for ever as a free and absovd estate in fee simple By allowed Inhabitants w^o Inland and more all such male persons as are the natives of this Town or that have been oddly taken into this Town and admitted to Town privileges) and where there is no plain or clear land to be had to lay out to such as live in some parts of this Town we propose that there be as much wood-land laid out conveniently to such so as to make their lots as good for quantity and quality as the promised four Acres of land and if it be granted and confirmed as aforesd

At a Town meeting in Eastham March 26th 1710 the above written proposition relating to y^e granting and laying out the plain or open land was voted
Attest John Paine Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham May 21st 1710 being warned to make further progress in laying out the Towns Common or undivided land it was then and there voted (at a very full meeting) that there should be four Acres of wood land granted and laid out to each proportionment within this Town that is to say where there is a house and land belonging therunto: And no more to any one Tenement or house lot with a house or Raising upon it except it be where there is two distinct families in distinct vites upon one farm or Tenement: and that there be six acres of wood-land laid out to each male person qualified as above said (that is to say) qualified as those which are to have y^e four Acres of plain land) to be granted to them to have and to hold to them their heirs and assigns for ever. The said number of acres proposed is to be understood to be of ordinary wood-land and to proportionably as the land may happen to be for quality having regard both to wood and layle to be duly considered by the Committee that shall lay it out who are also to lay out sd lots of wood land as convenient by as may be to each neighborhood and to each person

Recorded p John Paine Town Clerk

at the above laid meeting (viz) May 21st 1710 it was voted by the Town of Eastham that there shall be ten Acres of ordinary land laid out (and to proportionably as the land shall be better or worse) for to accommodate a minister at such place where there shall be occasion for out to settle there and the like quantity at Town where it may be thought most convenient for that use and the like quantity at Little Millings-gate which land shall be laid out by y^e Committee which the Town appoints to lay out other lands granted at y^e same meeting and that there be ten Acres of wood land laid out and annexed to each of said lots which lots of land respectively are granted to be reserved for and set apart for the benefit of and to accommodate the ministry and enclaving a minister in either of these parts of y^e Town and till then to be and be improved as all other Common or undivided land within sd Town for the benefit of grazing &c but the wood to be entirely reserved that it may grow to serve for the end designed

Recorded p J^r Paine Town Clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham May 21st 1710 being warned to take further steps towards the laying out the towns common or undivided land it was voted that the great plain at Billingsgate be divided into twenty five lots and the abovesaid inhabitants of the town (qualified as those to whom the four acres of open land it is to be laid out unto) proportioned equally to 10 lots and lots left for it and be granted to said persons as their lots fall to have and to hold to them their heirs and assigns for ever and this to be done by the committee who lay out the other land granted by the town of Eastham
Recorded p John Paine Town Clerk

At said town meeting May 21st 1710 the town made choice of Lieut John Deane Capt Saml Freeman Joseph Deane Elfr John young Mr Isaac popper Thomas Deane John Knowlton John Galt and they or any four of them to be a committee to lay out the towns common or undivided land according to town order and vote and sd committee to be allowed and paid five shillings per day for the time they necessarily spend thereabout and that no person or persons to whom land is granted to be laid out by sd committee shall have any land delivered or recorded to him or them till such time as they have paid their proper and respective proportions of the charge in laying out sd promised lands this was voted at & above sd town meeting
Recorded p John Paine Town Clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham June 25th 1711 the town made choice of John Brown and Jonathan Linnell to serve on the jury of trials at Barnstable the next Court
at a town meeting the June 25th 1711 the town made choice of Joseph Deane Elfr and Nathaniel Freeman Elfr for agents they or either of them to answer in the towns behalf to the towns presentment in April last for not having sufficient pounds

At a town meeting in Eastham July 2nd 1711 being a meeting warned to hear the relation of the committee that was appointed to lay out the land granted by the town at last meeting in this present year sd committee made report to sd town that they had laid out the plain land granted by sd town and it was then at sd town meeting proposed to sd town whether they did accept & approve of what they had done in regard to laying out sd plain land and it was then voted that they did accept and approve thereof

At a town meeting in Eastham July 2nd 1711 the town made choice of John Sparrow Jonathan Linnell and Daniel Mays to be a committee for sd town to draw up what they think proper to be done with reference to persons who are not proper abovesaid inhabitants of the town of Eastham whether any lands more than what is already granted them by the town shall be allowed and granted to them and if any that what and how much respectively and to make report thereof at the town at the next town meeting

Whereas in dividing the great plain at Billingsgate it is Reported that there will be an necessity for persons to pass over each others lots of land to fetch wood and water to their wharves houses it is therefore ordered concluded and voted by the town of Eastham (before lots were drawn or given forth for sd plain land) that as a condition of these grants that there is free liberty granted and each proprietor shall have free liberty to pass with carts over sd lots to cut wood or otherwise as long as sd lots of land (open or unfenced) to their houses or otherwise respectively and free liberty for ever to pass over any of sd lots to fetch water this was ordered concluded and voted at a town meeting in Eastham July 2nd 1711

At a town meeting in Eastham July 23rd 1711 The town made choice of Josiah Cooka senior for an moderator for sd day

At a town meeting in Eastham July 23rd 1711 granted by the town and voted at sd meeting that Daniel Mays shall have an appeal of meadow laid out and granted to Daniel Mays at Billingsgate about as much as will afford about three acres of hay to be cut on it annually and this to be laid out by the committee appointed to lay out land in this town this present year and this to be confirmed to sd Daniel Mays in lieu of the lot of meadow which was granted to him in the division of meadows in the year 1703 provided sd Daniel Mays quit his claim to the lot of meadow and return it to sd town to lie as all other common meadows

at a town meeting in Eastham May 22nd 1710 the town made choice of Mr Samuel Knowles to serve as their Representative at the Great and Generall Court at Boston

at the same meeting (viz) May 22nd 1710 the town voted to give unto Joseph Morrick the money which he engaged to pay for Indians that come in his employ awhalling at the great point at Billingsgate in the years 1707 and 1708 which is about sixteen shillings

at a town meeting in Eastham May 22nd 1710 granted to John Morrick about two or three acres of land somewhere to the northward of Eli's Roads where it may not be prejudicial to any particular persons

at a town meeting in Eastham May 22nd 1710 voted that to John Smith on the other side said March 22th 1709 be allowed and made good to him during the term of his natural life.

also at the same meeting (viz) May 22th 1710 voted that the selectmen take care to lay out a convenient way for Cuts between the land of Maziak Harding and the meadow of that was formerly Capt Sparrows to pass and repass down to the sea and also to the meadow of particular persons

at a town meeting in Eastham May 22nd 1710 the town made choice of Mr Isaac Popper to be an agent for the town to demand and receive of the respective persons that sit down on whaling voyages at the great point at Billingsgate the respective sum and times which are or shall become due to the town by virtue of a town act and order bearing date May 22th 1707 and in the town's name and behalf to use all lawfull means to recover the town's due of any person or persons from whom it shall become due to the town for which his services he is to have the one quarter part of what he receives on that account this his agency to continue for the space of two years from the date hereof

at a town meeting in Eastham June 26th 1710 The town made choice of Mr Israel Cook and Mr John Knowles to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Commonpleas to be holden at Barnstable

~~It is now the Council and Settlement of the land of the Church of Christ in Eastham~~

Whereas in the Grant and Settlement of the lands and meadows now belonging to and in the possession of Mr Samuel Troat pastor of the Church of Christ in Eastham which said Grant bears date March 22th 1707 There is a proviso in these words: Only if the said Mr Samuel Troat shall release the work of the ministry and remove out of town then the town have in that case Refused and do as a condition of this Grant Refuse to them select this privilege that they may purchase and the said Troat shall if the town see cause sell the fore said land and meadows with the appurtenances to the town againe at such price as the town and he shall agree or at indifferent men shall judge them to be reasonable price which said Refuse being somewhat grievous to the said Mr Samuel Troat The town of Eastham at a town meeting in Eastham bearing on the 26th day of June Anno domini 1710 voted that the above said Refuse be and Revolve for ever taken of and made null and void and that the said Grant in all the parts and paragraphs thereof shall be and for ever remains good and valid to the said Mr Samuel Troat his heirs and assigns forever without any manner of reservation whatsoever.

Recorded 2^d of Bains Town Clerk

Whereas there was some uncertainty about the bounds at the lower end of the lot of meadow belonging to Josiah Cook sold in the Great meadow on the western side and at the lower end of said lot which lot was formerly granted to his father Mr Josiah Cook deceased it is therefore granted by the town of Eastham at a town meeting in Eastham June 26th 1710 and at the Request of Mr Josiah Cook that the bounds between said Cook's meadow and the lower end of the lot of Josiah Cook be and remain forever without the meadow formerly Capt Sparrows meadow and the lower end of the meadow which was granted to Eli Spaine and known in the possession of Thomas Rich and that the town would also to Thomas Rich as much for any and quality in some other place as this Settlement takes of from Richard's meadow

At a town meeting in Eastham June 26th 1710 granted to Samuel Brown three acres of upland on the northward side of Great Blackfish Creek on this condition that when the towns common land in sd Eastham were divided sd three acres of land shall be accounted and esteemed as much of said Samuel Browns proportion or share of sd Towns Commons as he should or ought otherwise to have had by any such division this was voted at the above meeting

At a town meeting in Eastham June 26th 1710 granted by the vote of the town at sd meeting unto Samuel Mays of Billingsgate two needs of upland which by within his meadow fence at sd Billingsgate in compensation and satisfaction for upon full of meadow which was granted him by sd town at the division of the meadows in Eastham in July 1703: which meadow lay near the beach at the mouth of that which is commonly called Little River meadow and is since destroyed by the beach and sand proving sd two needs of land be not esteemed so much which if they be then to Range so much as shall in the judgment of the negativeness be accounted available to satisfaction for sd meadow

At a town meeting in Eastham June 26th 1710 granted to Mr Samuel Haden senior li party to exchange about half an acre or an acre of land taking it off from the northern end of the land which was lately exchanged and granted to him by sd town by the land of the Cove and to take up as much somewhere between the land of Thomas Rich and the Highway that goes to Harwich

At a town meeting in Eastham June 26th 1710 granted by vote of said town unto Eufion Edward Freeman li party to exchange his meadow lying about Blackfish Creek and to take up upland in lieu thereof at Billingsgate on the northward side of the Herring River so much as shall in the judgment of the Negativeness be judged a just and valuable compensation

At a town meeting in Eastham July 25th 1710 the town voted to ad five pounds to Mr Towns salary making his yearly to be seventy pounds & annum for the future to be paid according to former promise and contract taken in previous Bills of Credit or Silver money at the rate that it passeth between man and man in ordinary payments Mr Towns him self being present at said meeting declared that he would take up satisfied therewith
Attest John Paine Town Clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham July 25th 1710 voted by the said town that the selectmen make a rate or assessment of on hundred and thirty five pounds on the inhabitants of the town of Eastham according to the discretion of sd law and order and vote of sd town and that they commit the life of sd assessment to sd Constable to collect and pay it in to the town treasurer or his order in due time and season to answer the end for which sd money is raised which is at falloweth Creek to defray Mr Towns salary to pay our Representative to defray the County charges that shall be let on us for the paying schoolmaster and other necessary and contingent charges arising within sd town

At a town meeting in Eastham July 25th 1710 voted that the selectmen of this town take effectually to provide a schoolmaster for the town at the law directs

At a town meeting in Eastham on the seventh Day of February 1710 the town voted to chuse a Committee to consider of what may be given with reference to dividing the Towns Commons and for redressing grievances as referring to the Common or undivided land within sd town and to make report to the town the next town meeting
Accordingly at the above town meeting the town made choice of so Joseph Deane Esqr Edward Henshaw John Snow Richard Higgins and Thomas Deane for a Committee as aforesaid

At a town meeting in Eastham February 9th 1710 granted to Constable of the what method to take in disposing of the Towns Commons or undivided land it was then voted that there should be a division of sd Commons if the town could agree upon a proper method

At a town meeting in Eastham February 9th 1710 it was voted that the prohibition of cutting trees between the bluff and by Joseph Cocks senior and the water side down to the main below market land as it was granted and prohibited at a town meeting in Eastham December 18th 1699 be sent up to the Court of quarter sessions for approbation

At a town meeting in Eastham February 9th 1710 liberty is granted to so Thomas Harding to exchange the lot of land which he bought of Joseph Morrick on the South East side of the Town Cove and to take up as much land in lieu thereof between his dwelling house and the Cove joining to the land of Mr Thomas Harding

At a Town meeting in Eastham February 24th 1719. Grant-ed to John Smith Senior a little piece of upland to set a house on and to make a tobacco yard somewhere between the wood lot of Deacon Danks Doane and the house of William Smith which land he is to have only during the term of his own and his wives natural lives

At a Town meeting in Eastham March 24th 1719. The Town made choice of Richard Sparrow and Josiah Harding for Grandjurymen for the following year
For to serve on a Jury of tryalls at April sessions Joshua Higgins and John Collins

For Selectmen { Mr Jesse Popper
Mr Daniel Cole
John Paine

For men to have a negative vote in disposing of land { Lieut John Doane
Sam^l Paine
John Sparrow
John Paine
Dank Mayo

For Constable — Jonathan Sparrow

For Town Treasurer — John Paine

For Town Clock — John Paine

For Sickingmen { Joseph Rogers
John Morrish

For Surveyors of highways { John Young
Nathaniel Doane
George Brison Jr

For five viewors { Jonathan Linnell
Jonathan Higgins Jr
William Walker Jr
moder at wood

For pound keeper — Ensign Joseph Morrish

where as at a Town meeting in Eastham on the fourteenth day of March instant the Town made choice of Jonathan Sparrow to serve for Constable for the following year the said Town of Eastham at its meeting receivd of David Doane (at the request of D^r Jonathan Sparrow and the voluntary offer of D^r David Doane to serve in the room and stead of D^r Jonathan Sparrow and expressed it by vote
Attest John Paine Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham March 24th 1719. the Town voted to send a committee to regulate the Damages that persons have suffered in their lots of meadows that were laid out in the year 1703 by the said Town for breaking in upon them and where there is considerable Damages done to make allowance for at to make them as good as other ordinary stock of the same denomination and the compensation to be made in upland where there is no meadow convenient provided the grass of the meadows will carry up Charwell and D^r Committee to accomplish the work and to return to the Town of choice of their pooling them by the first day of August next ensuing and the owners of D^r meadows to pay the Committee for their charges and trouble at five shillings per day and accordingly at a Town meeting the Town made choice of Capt. Samuel Sparrow Thomas Mayo and Nathaniel

At a Town meeting in Eastham January 21st 1710th the town made choice of Mr Samuel Mayo Senior for moderator for that meeting.

At a Town meeting in Eastham moved ye 21st 1710th being a meeting warned for ye Town to consider of a proposition made to divide the Towns Common land the Town in order thereunto voted to chuse a committee to consider of and draw up proposals what land shall be divided and to whom and in what method they shall be divided and to present them to the Town and also to consider in what proper method to proceed to burning the wood on the great Island and Lionth Island at Billingsgate and also to consider and propose what is proper to be done with reference to the Indians in respect to allowing them any privilege for wood when the common comes to be divided and the Town to pay to committee at ye rate of three shillings p day. and at evening at ye meeting the Town made choice of Mr Samuel Russell, Lieut John Poole, Mr Joseph Collins Senior, Mr Daniel Cole, Micaiah Snow and John Paine to be a committee for the end above said.

At a Town meeting in Eastham March 14th 1711 the Town voted to consider about a method to regulate the Towns Common or undivided upland the Town made choice of Mr Saml Russell Sen for moderator at ye meeting.

At the above sd Town meeting (viz) March ye 26th 1711 Thomas Smith Sen did dig orderly by road and pass in speaking after leave ordered by ye moderator.

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the fourteenth day of May 1711 the Town made choice of Mr Samuel Mayo to serve as a Representative for sd Town at ye Great and Generall Court at Boston who being present declared his acceptance.

At a Town meeting in Eastham May ye 14th 1711 the Town voted that the four sides of the meeting house should be new shingled and workmen and materials provided and the Towns charges to accomplish said work and also to repair other parts of sd meeting house which have a necessity to be repaired and accordingly at the same meeting the Town made choice of Capt Saml Freeman and Mr John Sparrow to take care to procure stuff and workmen to effect ye premises.

At a Town meeting in Eastham May ye 14th 1711 the Town appointed Joseph Board Esqr to account with John Paine as Town Treasurer in the Towns behalf.

At a Town meeting in Eastham May ye 14th 1711 the Town voted that if ye select men of sd Town can and do agree with Berial Smith of Swansea to take his mother Smith & widow Robert of John Smith deceased and sufficient for and give sufficient security to save the Town from any future charge with respect to her support for the future that the Town will then allow and pay to sd Berial Smith fourteen pounds.

At a Town meeting May ye 14th 1711 the Town made choice of Joseph Board Esqr, Capt Samuel Freeman and Mr Isaac Popper to number and nominate the proprietors of the Common or undivided land lying within the Township of Eastham and also at the same meeting warned another Town meeting to be on the twenty first day of May to consider of and act about dividing or laying out the Towns Common or undivided upland and also the select men set up publick notification thereof.

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Voted at a Town meeting in Eastham July y^d 23^d 1711 That the Committee chosen this present year (viz may y^d 21st 1711) to lay out land in this Town according to Town vote shall have power and are hereby Impowered as Agents in the Towns behalf to settle y^e bounds betwixt the Towns Commons and particular mans land and where any person or persons have taken in of y^e Towns Common land to lay it out to them for part of their allotments respectively

At a Town in Eastham August y^d 20th 1711 it was proposed (at the request of Jeremiah Smith Senior) whether the town would give him any land and it was voted in the affirmative and pursuant therunto the Town then voted that said Jeremiah Smith should have so much land granted and laid out to him (by y^e Committee appointed to lay out land this present year) as, allowed at a Tenement Ricks (viz) four Acres

At a Town meeting in Eastham August y^d 20th 1711 The Town made choice of Mr ^{Joseph} Knowles and John Paine to dispute with the men which John and Tom Tipton, about their claim to some lands in this Town

At a Town meeting in Eastham August y^d 20th 1711 The Town voted that the widows ^{with their} widows in this town whose husbands when living were proper allowed inhabitants of the Town of Eastham and that or they were widows when the Division of land in Eastham this present year was first made upon all such widows shall have so much woodland laid out to them (by the Committee which are appointed to lay out land this present year) as it should be to nameless which is four Acres of wood land which is laid to widows respectively that they enjoy for their benefit during their widowhood respectively and no longer or and after their marriages or Deaths to return to the Town again to be in the same quality as other undivided land within y^e Town

At a Town meeting in Eastham August y^d 20th 1711 it was voted by the Town of Eastham that Richard Knowles Stephen Snow Benjamin Cooke and Ebenezer Freeman should each of them have as much land laid out to them as is allowed by Town vote to Tenements viz four Acres & voted against May y^d 5th 1712

Granted to John Paine Junior a parcel of land containing about three Acres and a half or four Acres more or less lying at the northern end of y^e Sheep pond commonly so called between the highway and the Cedar Swamp this was granted at a Town meeting in Eastham August y^d 20th 1711

Granted to Joshua Brown Isaac Atwood and John Witherill each of them about four Acres of upland to be laid out to them by y^e Committee appointed to lay out land for y^e Town of Eastham this present year voted at a Town meeting in Eastham August y^d 20th 1711

Voted at a Town meeting in Eastham August y^d 20th 1711 That Joseph Dean ~~Esqr~~ ^{Esqr} ~~Samuel Freeman~~ and John Cole Junior shall have each of them a Tenement lot allowed to them for the Tenements they have which they do not live in and that there be a Tenement lot allowed to Daniel Samuel Freeman

At a Town meeting in Eastham September y^d 24th 1711 The Town made choice of John Witherill and Benjamin Cooke to serve on the Jury of tryall at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and Generall Sessions of y^e peace to be holden at Barnstable at y^e same meeting ~~the~~ Nicholas Snow & Eliza Higgins and Benjamin Cooke were accepted for Towns-men of y^e Eastham

At a Town meeting in Eastham May y^d 5th 1712 The Town made choice of Nathaniel Freeman Esqr for a Select man

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At a Town Meeting in Eastham march ye 30th 1711¹² warranted to
choose Town officers for the following year
accordingly made choice as followeth (viz)
for Town Clerk John Baine

for Select men ——— { Richard Higgins
Daniel Cole
John Baine

For men to have anegative
vote in disposing of lands
within the town of Eastham { Jonathan Higgins
John Harvow
Jonathan Linnell
Thomas Doane
John Baine

for Constable David Doane

for Town Treasurer John Baine

for Surveyors of Highways John young Nathan Doane and
George Brown Junr

For fence viewers Jonathan Linnell Jonathan Higgins Junr William
Walker and Medad Aboud

for Sickingmen John Mulford & William Cole
at a town meeting in Eastham march ye 17th 1711¹² the town made choice

for Granting men Samuell Brown & Jonathan Linnell

for men to serve on the Jury of tryalls the next Court at Barnstable
Samuell Doane and John Baine Junr

for pound Keeper Ensign Joseph Morrick

voted by the Town of Eastham at a Town meeting in Eastham on the
third day of march Anno Domini 1711 that all lands granted by the Town of Eastham
to be laid out by the Committee chosen by the Town May ye 21st 1711: may and shall
be approbated and allowed by the men appointed to have a negative vote in disposing of lands
if they see cause and be committed to Record any former Town Vote to the contrary
notwith standing
ordered John Baine Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham May ye 5th 1712 the town made choice
of Mr Samuell Knack for a moderator for sd meeting

At a Town meeting in Eastham May the 5th 1712 The Town voted
that the sd Town allow of the lot of land being laid out to Mr Samuell
Treat by his heels for his Tenement lot provided that there be a conveni-
ent way allowed to go to the lot lying within and that the men appointed
to have anegative vote in disposing of land within sd Town shall
bound out sd way and settle the boundaries of sd lot

At a Town meeting in Eastham May ye 5th 1712 it was voted that
the lot laid out at nash hills namely three Tenement lots shall and
may be confirmed and made good to the persons to whom they are laid out
being rogated and bound as the men appointed to have anegative
vote in disposing of land within sd Town shall judge proper under the
circumstances sd land is now under and that the boundaries of the land in
that place convenient to sd lot being by sd men bounded and divided
shall and may be sold and the money so produced thereof improved as ye
Town shall order

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Voted at a Town Meeting in Eastham May 9th 1712 That all
or any parcels of plain lands laid out by the Committee appointed by the Town
to lay out land for the Town shall be recorded to the persons to whom they are
laid out if the men appointed to have a negative vote in disposing of lands
within the Town do approve thereof

voted by the Town May 9th 1712 that the Town approve of the
votum of the Committee in laying out upland to make good the damage
which Mr. Doane and John Young had suffered by the land spoiling their
lots of meadow

granted by the Town of Eastham at a Town meeting in the Eastham
May 9th 1712 to Ebenezer Hinkley a parcel of upland and swampy
his house to be laid out and bounded by the negative men as they judge convenient

At a Town meeting in Eastham May 9th 1712 voted by the Town of
Samuel Smith shall have a parcel of land granted to him lying between
the land that was Mr. Samuel Smiths deceased and the land of Capt. Freeman
as the negative men shall bound it

At a Town meeting in Eastham May 9th 1712 The Town made a choice
of Mr. John Sparrow and Thomas Doane for Agents in the Towns behalf to sue
for recovery and receive for the Town of any person or persons who have or
shall have in or inclose any of the Towns common or undivided land the parcel
ties and fixtures which by the Town act is due and to prosecute all such per-
sons to effect in law that have or shall inclose or improve any of the common
land and whatsoever the Agents shall lawfully do with reference to the promise
let the Town hath engage to abide by as if done by the Town

At a Town Meeting in Eastham May 9th 1712 The Town appointed John
Hancock, Thomas Doane and John Cole Junr to lay out several lots of land
to several persons whose lots laid out by the former Committee were not allowed

Whereas among other things proposed and ordered by the Town of Eastham in
the year 1711 referring to the granting and laying out lands within the Town of Eastham
it was then and there ordered and voted by the Town that no person who should by
virtue of said grants have land laid out to them should have them recorded or re-
corder to them until such time as he or they shall have paid their proper and re-
spective proportions of the charge in laying out the promised lands and whereas said
Committee have now proposed to have the granted lands in recording to be
committed to record and for as much as there is an necessity that said charges
be speedily paid and that the respective persons to whom such grants are made
may speedily have their lands well bounded and put upon Record it is ordered by
the Town of Eastham at a Town meeting in the Eastham May 9th 1712 That each
and every person to whom a principal land was granted laid out and approved by the
major part of the men appointed by the Town to have a negative vote in disposal
of lands within the Town of Eastham and such or shall within the space of two months
from the day of the date hereof pay or cause to be paid his or her proper
and equal part of of the charge that and may have his or their lands commit-
ted to record but each and every person who shall not within the said term
of two months pay his or her proper part of the charge of laying out said
lands shall wholly lose and forfeit their claim or title to any such lands and
as were laid out and intended for them and the lands shall votum against to
the Town and be in the same location and quality and under the same cir-
cumstances as all other common or undivided lands and that by within the Town
and the grants shall be to every such person or persons utterly void as never
granted or laid out and the Town hath and doth appoint the Town Clerk
for the time being to take receive the money of the respective persons to pay the
Committee that laid out the lands and other proper charges

This above written order was voted at a Town meeting in Eastham on the
fifth day of May anno Domini 1712 Attest John Paine Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham on the twelfth day of may 1712
the town made choice of Mr Samuell Knowles to serve as their
representative at the General Court at Boston

at a town meeting in Eastham may the 12th 1712
it was proposed to the town whether they would chuse agents in the
towns behalf to take care and act in the towns behalf with reference
to the land which lies between the two towns that are settled by agreement
between Eastham and Harwich to be as perpetual commonage

Whereas there was by agreement betwixt the town of Eastham and the town of Har-
wich a certain parcel of land lying on the south-eastern side of the line which
bound betwixt Eastham and Harwich Townships which was agreed upon mutually between
the towns to be for perpetual commonage for the use and benefit of the two towns except
ing only such parcels of land as were at the time of said agreement possessed by any person
or persons by fencing or building thereon but by reason of not having a right understanding
of some things relating to the purchasing of land of the natives some inconvenience
has since happened which may prove of ill consequence to the interest of the town before
said the town of Eastham therefore at a town meeting in Eastham on the
twelfth day of may anno domini 1712 made choice of Joseph Doane and Capt
Jonathan Bangs of Harwich as agents for the town to act and do in the towns behalf
all and every thing proper to be done in the premises either in purchasing any of said
lands of the natives or in valuing or confirming any thing that may be judged want-
ing in the former agreement or to do in the towns behalf any manner of thing or things
which may or ought to be done with reference to purchasing selling or securing said
lands or any part or parcel thereof to be improved to and for the proper use and do-
ing of said towns at their said agreement and whatsoever the agents shall legally
do with reference to the premises the town of Eastham doth hereby oblige it self
to stand to and abide by as fully to all intents and purposes as if done by the town
provided the town of Harwich and proprietors thereof do improve the above Joseph
Doane Esq and Capt Jonathan Bangs with the same authority to act for their
town

Entered per John Davis Town Clerk

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Whereas there is an illegitimate child now living in the
town of Eastham which by reason of the death of his mother Anne Pody
is exposed to the charity of the town and hath been and is likely to be
further chargeable to the town the town do therefore hereby empower the
select men of the town to dispose of the child as prudentially as may be
and whatsoever bargain or agreement the select men make with any person in
order to support and maintain the child the town will confirm and abide by voted
by the town of Eastham may 12th 1712

voted by the town of Eastham at a town meeting may the 12th 1712
that Richard Rich John Rich and Thomas Rich had four acres
of land or more land out had granted to them in some place where it may be
convenient for them but not prejudicial to others

voted by the town of Eastham at a town meeting in said Eastham
on the 12th day of may anno domini 1712 that the land at Noddy hills or
as it is set forth and divided by the men appointed thereunto by the town
(that is to say the land which is set laid out to particular men left dead and is
not by granted and recorded to Thomas Doane his heirs and assigns forever he
paying to the town twenty pound current money the one half at the record-
ing thereof to him and or within two months from this time and the other
ten pounds on or before the last day of october next

voted at the above town meeting that Jeremiah Smith shall have as
much land laid out to him as may be of good value as one man share on the great
field at Bittingsgate

At a town meeting in Eastham June 25th 1712 the town made choice
of Samuell Hodg and John Cole Junr to serve on the jury of tryals at
Barnstable at the next sessions

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at a Town meeting in Eastham on the fourth day of August 1712
it was voted by the Town that there should be no persons prosecuted in
law in the Towns behalf for any encroachments not paid by persons for sitting
down at ye Great Island at Killingsgate on whaling voyages

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the fourth day of August 1712
it was voted by the Town that the select men should forthwith make
avails or assessment on the polls and estates of the inhabitants of the Town
of Eastham of one hundred thirty & six pounds to be set on them as the
law directs which is sum is for the paying my Towns salary for the Deputy
my County charges for the paying our representative and Schoolmaster
and other necessary and contingent charges arising within the Town

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the fourth day of August
annodominii 1712 The Town made choice of Mr John Mulford of said
Eastham to be an agent in the Towns behalf to prosecute any person
or persons to effect in law that shall presume to cut wood on the
Towns Commons to burn lime or otherwise contrary to the Town act and
order and that for his encouragement he shall have the one half of
the penalty which by the act is laid on such as break the act and order

at a Town meeting in Eastham September 22nd 1712: the Town made
choice of John Sparrow and Daniel Atwood to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at
Barnstable the next Court

at a Town meeting in Eastham September 22nd 1712: The Town grant
ed to John Paine Junior the Towns lot which was laid out for the road
does Mr Hannah Bangs towards the road of Namskaket and at the
same meeting the Town granted to John Sparrow a little piece of land
adjoining to his other land at Sparrows-neck containing about half an
acre more or less

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the eighteenth day of February
anno Domini 1712/13 for the encouragement of persons in killing
of wolves it was voted by the Town at the meeting that if any per-
son that is a proper resident within the Town (either Indian or en-
glish) shall within the term of one year from this day kill any
grown wolf or wolver within the County of Barnstable and bring
his or their head or heads to the Town Treasurer of the Eastham
for the time being he shall be allowed and paid out of the
Towns Treasury three pounds in current money more and above what
is allowed by the law of this province and fifteen shillings
apiece for every wolver which he killed and brought in as aforesaid

at the above said Town meeting the Town voted that the widows
Hannah Mulford Towns lot which was granted to her to hold dur-
ing the term of her natural life or widowhood should be committed
to record the paying the charges of laying out and recording the
same

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 18th day of February anno Dom
1712/13 granted to Ensign Joseph Morrish all the land that lay between
his lot of land which lay to the Southward of his new dwelling house
and the lot of land which was his father's Morrish and lay on the
northern side of his house provided the Morrish also always a convenient
way by gate or bridge to pass with carts to and from the other side

at a Town meeting in Eastham⁽²³⁾ on the eighteenth Day of February anno Domini: 1712/13 the Town granted to Eliza Higgin a small parcel of Land which lay between his Tenement lot and the Cedar Swamp

February 18th 1712/13 the acceptat of John Wicheol Joseph at wood John Smith Samuel Harding Samuel Knowles Junr and Nathaniel Mayo Junr for Townsmen

at a Town-meeting in Eastham on the 18th Day of February anno Domini: 1712/13 the Town granted to John Mulford all the wood and brush that lay below his Tenement lot between it and the bank or beach and likewise to the heirs of Joseph Snow Jr all the wood and brush that is between the Tenement lot (granted to them) and the bank or beach which it touches and granted to stand for a locumity to their land respectively and not to be improved any otherwise

At a town meeting in Eastham on the eighteenth Day of March anno Domini: 1712/13 being a meeting warned for the election of Town officers for the following year: &c — the town at sd meeting made choice of Richard Dick and Timothy Cole Junr to serve on the grand jury for the following year and for to serve on the jury of tryalls for the next Court Nathaniel Mayo Junr and William Brown

For selectmen } Lieut John Doane
Lieut Nicholas Snow
Mr Thomas Mayo

For men to view a negative vote in disposing of land } John Sparrow
Jonathan Linnell
Thomas Doane
John Paine
Jonathan Higgins Junr

For Constable Samuel Doane

for Town Clerk John Paine

For Tithingmen Daniel Cole Junr & Isaac Baker

For Town Treasurer John Paine

For Surveyors of the Highways Jabez Snow John Young and Nathaniel Doane

For fence viewers John Sparrow Joshua Hopkins Edward Knowles and Daniel Mayo

For pound Keeper Jeremiah Smith Junr

at a Town meeting in Eastham March 14th 1712/13 voted by the Town of Eastham that John Paine might and should have liberty to remove his lot of land which he bought of Joshua Higgins which lot lay near and to ^{north} eastward of sd Paine's new dwelling house and to carry the whole lot about four pole eastward provided it intouch not on any way and provided the next winter this it may be convenient

at a town meeting in Eastham on the 18th day of May Anno Domini: 1712²⁴
granted to Nathaniel young liberty to exchange some land betwixt his house and
Richard Sparrows land so as to lay his land together and to remove the way
goethrough or betwixt his two parcels of land and cause it to go betwixt his
land and Richard Sparrows provided the neighbours most concerned and the
negative men judge it may be convenient

at a town meeting in Eastham March 23 18th 1712^{1/2} the town voted that there
should be four pounds paid to William Dyer out of the town treasury besides four
pounds and four shillings ordered him by the selectmen which is for time spent
by Dyer in tending James Brown Lewis and family in the time of their sickness
the last fall

at a town meeting in Eastham May 20 12th 1713 voted that Nicholas
Snow Eliza Higgins and Benjamin Cooke be admitted for Townsmen -

at a town meeting in Eastham May 20 12th 1713 voted that Mr
Thomas Mays Lewis Lieut Nicholas Snow & Mr Isaac Popper should
be a committee for the town to compare and adjust the accounts of John
Paine as town treasurer referring to his receipts and disbursements
since April 20 18th 1709 to this day

voted at an above meeting that the eleven shillings which was
left off the contribution made in a year 1711 for Mr Tuffs be shall be dis-
posed of for the relief of Daniel Cook Lewis as far as it will go

at a town meeting in Eastham May 20 12th 1713 the town
made choice of John Paine to serve for one year and to represent
them at the great and generall Court to be hold at Boston

at a town meeting in Eastham May 20 12th 1713 the town voted
that Jonathan Sparrow should have as much land laid out to him
where it may be most convenient for him and not to much prejudicial
to any generall town to any particulare persons as in the judgment of the
negative men may be as good for quantity and quality as otherwise at the
great land in as much as he had no share laid out at the land

at a town meeting in Eastham May 20 12th 1713 the town voted that Justice
Doane and Capt Banger of Stavick shall prosecute their agency in the town
to half with reference to the land lying between the two lines of Eastham and
Havrich

at a town meeting in Eastham May 20 12th 1713 the town voted that
John Paine should have a small parcel of land to let a house upon
that the land shall be laid out by the men appointed to have a negative vote
in disposing of land within a year it being about half an acre if the men
judge it convenient

granted to Joseph Higgins Lewis and Eliza Higgins that they shall
have what wood shall be left or remain on the tenement lot at
the widow Mervy Mays to improve for their beneficial use
after her marriage or decease

at a town meeting in Eastham May 20 12th 1713 the town made choice
of Joseph Doane Esq for an agent in the town behalf to lay what
may be proper in the town with reference to Mr Samuel Knowles
his petition to the justices of the generall Sessions of this piece at Bury
tells for a committee to come to come to Eastham to consider of the removing
the highway by the Knowles his house

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 30th day of July anno Domini: 1713 voted by sd Town that the selectmen do forthwith assess the inhabitants of said town on their polls and Estates in the sum of one hundred forty and six pounds to be collected and paid in for the defraying mr. Treats Salary the paying the charges of school & schoolmaster for the defraying of County charges the repairing the meeting-house and other necessary charges arising within the town which ~~it~~ and that sd list or lists of said assessment be committed to ye Constable to collect and pay in to the Town Treasurer or his order on or before the last day of November next ensuing

voted at a Town meeting July 30th 1713 that the meadow or marsh laid out by the ^{Committee} ~~Committee~~ July 22th 1712 be conveyed to D Daniel Mays according to town grant

Granted by the Town of Eastham at a Town meeting in Eastham on ye 30th day of July anno: 1713 liberty to Eliza young to exchange appercell of land lying on the South-east side of the highway by her house called an acre for quality and to take up as much for quality and quality (in ye judgment of the negative men) adjoining to the land of Michael Snow called his plain lot

at a Town meeting in Eastham July 30th 1713: voted that Eliza and John Atwood should have a small piece of marsh laid out and granted to them on the South-east side of South-east Island it being a small neck of marsh which runs up into ye upland from the narrow at the going in & to upwards supposed to be about three quarters of an acre

at a Town meeting in Eastham July 31st 1713 the Town made choice Jonathan Linnell Jonathan Higgins James John Cole James & Micah Snow: they or any three of them to be a committee in the Towns behalf to survey the lots of meadow laid out in ye year 1703 whose complaint is made of their being damaged by the sea or land breaking in upon them and to make amendment where it is so: so as to make such lots as good as other ordinary lots of the same denomination and the Town to pay them for their time

At a Town meeting in Eastham July 30th 1713: voted by sd Town that from and after this day no grant of land granted at any Town meeting shall be esteemed good and valid nor committed to record except there shall be particular notice given in the warning of sd meeting that some business relating to land is to be considered of and transacted

At a Town meeting in Eastham July 30th 1713 voted that John Moulford should have two acres of the pine brush which grows near the great meadow in Eastham laid out to him

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the fifth day of October 1713 the Town made choice of Daniel Cole and Jacob Snow to serve on the Jury of tryall at Barnstable the next Sessions

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the fifth day of October anno Domini 1713 the Town made choice of John Cole James Timothy Cole James Jacob Snow and Thomas Jones for a committee to view the place where mr Samuel Knowles proposes to turn the Highway and to consider ye circumstances thereof whether it may be done without prejudice or damage to ye Town under the circumstances which he proposes and to make report to ye Town at the next proper meeting to all the Town

At a town-meeting in Eastham on the sixteenth day of December: 1713
David Doane and Samuel Brown were chosen to serve on the jury of try-
alls at ye next Inferior Court of quarter Sessions at Barnstable

at a town meeting in Eastham December ye 16th 1713 voted that Mr
Peter Bowns should be hired for one quarter more after the fulfilling of his
first year as Schoolmaster for this town

at a town meeting in Eastham on the seventeenth day of March
anno domini 1713/14 being a meeting warned to make choice of town of-
ficers for the following year the town made choice of the following person
as they are hereafter named to their respective offices (viz)

for men to have a negative vote in disposing of
land within the town

{ John Sparrow
Jonathan Higgins Jr
John Paine
Thomas Doane
Jonathan Linnell

for Selectmen

{ Nicholas Snow
Isaac Poppo
Samuel Cole

for Constables

{ Thomas Doane
Daniel Mayo

for Town Clerk

for Town Treasurer

{ John Paine
John Paine

for Sittlingmen Jeremiah Smith Junr & John Rich

for Grandjurymen Jacob Snow & William Brocon

for men to serve on the Jury of tryalls at April Sessions
at Barnstable Nathaniel Cooke & Jonathan Linnell

for Surveyors of Highways Isaac Doane Joshua Hopkins & Richard Sparrow

for fence Viewers Edward Knowles Jonathan Sparrow and
Joseph Higgins

for pound Keeper Jeremiah Smith Junr

at the above Town meeting in Eastham March the 17th 1713/14
at the motion and request of Thomas Doane the town
voted that they would accept of Samuel Doane to serve as Con-
table for the town in the room of Thomas Doane who was chosen by
the town to that office

at a town meeting in Eastham March ye 17th 1713/14 voted that the
town that the meeting house should be repaired the summer following
so as to make it comfortable to meet in and accordingly at the same
meeting the town made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman and Daniel
Mayo to be agent for the town to procure materials and employ
workmen to effect the work

voted by the town that Mr Peter Bowns should be employed in
his second year as school master for the next year of August next com-
ing if he can be agreed with on reasonable terms and that the
Selectmen were to agree with him March ye 17th 1713/14

voted by the town of Eastham at a town meeting in Feb. Eastham on the 17th day of march anno domini: 1713/14 that Joseph Doane Esq. and Samuel Mayo Mr Isaac Popper and John Sweet should be a committee to draw up and matheize the setting of a Schoolmaster for the time to come and to make return to y^e town at the next town meeting

voted at a town meeting in Eastham march ye 17th 1713/14 that John Taylor should have about two acres of land laid out to him some whose bechoine groves stands and John Paine Junior his house if the negative men approve thereof and find it convenient

at a town meeting in Eastham on the 17th day of march anno domini: 1713/14 the committee chosen by the town on the fifth day of octo^r ber left to view the place where Mr Samuel Knowles desires to have the highway altered: made this return that they judged it not convenient that the way should be altered or removed as Mr Knowles desired

at a town meeting in Eastham may ye 10th 1714: The town made choice of John Paine to serve as their Representative at y^e general Court at Boston the following year who being present accepted

at a town meeting in Eastham on the tenth day of may: anno domini: 1714 The committee chosen on the 17th day of march: 1713/14 To order and make return as followeth that they are of opinion that the most proper way to settle y^e Schoolmaster for the future for the general benefit of y^e town is as followeth (viz) That the town shall be divided into two parts and that the dividing line shall be between the house of Ralph Smith and the house of Richard Knowles y^e Smiths house being the most southerly of the northern part of y^e town y^e Knowleses house being the most northerly of the southern part and that y^e Schoolmaster for the future shall remaine one full year in the northerly part of the town and then one full year in the southerly part and so from time to time hereafter but y^e Schoolmaster to be supported by y^e town in general as the law directs and that each part of y^e town respectively shall take care benefit of their part of y^e town the year y^e Schoolmaster is to be there and the town-levies shall be the partition of and between the northern and southern ends of the town from the houses above said and the Schoolmaster shall take his station the first year at the northern end of the town and his first year shall begin at the time he entered upon his new year hire and further that one end of the town as above said shall not lend their children to school to y^e other part of y^e town in as much as it may tend to y^e damage of the whole This return of the committee was accepted and voted by the town of Eastham at y^e above said town meeting as a rule and matheized to be y^e Schoolmaster for the future

Attest Jⁿ Paine Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham may ye 10th 1714 The town made choice of Lieut. Daniel Doane and Mr Samuel Mayo as agents for y^e town to agree with the town of Haverick or their agents relating to certain parcels of land belonging to y^e inhabitants of Eastham which by cession the township of Haverick and certain tracts of land belonging to several of the inhabitants of Haverick which lie within the township of Eastham how and in what manner they shall be allotted for the mutual benefit of each town and person respectively

Attest Jⁿ Paine Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham on the second day of August 1714
the town voted that the fore side of the meeting house should be repaired
after the manner that the Easton end is

at a town meeting in Eastham August 2nd 1714 it was voted by
the town that the select men do and are hereby empowered to
assess the inhabitants of the town on their polls and estates the sum
of one hundred and forty pounds to be collected and paid in at the
select men shall order which the money is for the paying new seats sala-
ry for the defraying county charges according to the towns just propor-
tion and other necessary charges arising within the town

at a town meeting in Eastham on the second day of August 1714
it was proposed to the town whether they would be at the charge to pay
their part (which is one half) of the cost of the purchase of the land lying
between the two lines (as it is commonly called) which was once a mess upon by
the agents of Eastham and Harwich to be for perpetual common for the
benefit both of Eastham and Harwich. provided the men who have since pur-
chased it of the Indian owners will surrender it to the towns and provided
Harwich town and proprietors will pay their part which is the other half of
the cost of the purchase and also on condition that the towns do jointly pay the
purchase and the land be surrendered to be for perpetual common as was
agreed by the agents of the towns as afore said. that then there shall be a
like proportion of land for quantity and quality set out and reserved at the
northern part of the town to be also for perpetual common for the benefit
of the town and that it shall be set out in as convenient place or places as
may be for the benefit of the neighbourhood this being proposed to the town
as afore said was voted in the affirmative

Whereas by order of the Great and General Court at their sessions in
May last the select men of Eastham have been served with a copy of a
petition exhibited by several Indians of Harwich and the General Court
have ordered that the select men of Eastham be heard thereon on the first
Friday in the next sessions of the Court the said select men on receiving thereof
ordered the town to meet who did accordingly meet on Monday the 2nd
day of August 1714 and after due consideration of the premises did then
nominate and appoint John Paine of the town of Eastham as their agent in be-
half of the town and select men thereof to appear at the Great and General
Court to say what may be proper to be done with respect to the premises
and it was voted at the above town meeting
and is entered in the minute book

at a town meeting in Eastham on the second day of August 1714
ordered and voted by the town that whereas the town have appointed
John Paine to be their agent to appear for them at the great and
General Court at Boston to answer for them to the complaint or plea
of several Indians & that if the said Paine perform or go on the service
the town will allow and pay him four shillings a day for all the time
he spends on the service over and above what is allowed him for foraging
as a representative allowing him three days for going and three for his
returning

at a town meeting in Eastham October 4th 1714 Samuel Kitteridge
and Joseph Smith were chosen to serve on the jury of inquest at Barnstable the
next Court

at a town meeting in Eastham on the tenth day of march anno domini 1714/15
warranted by order of the select men to make choice of town officers for the following
year as the law directs

The Town at sd meeting made choice of the respective officers as followeth

(Viz) for Town Clerk John Paine

for Town Treasurer John Paine

for Selectmen ———

Mr Samuel Mays
Mr Daniel Cole
Mr Isaac Popper

for Constables ———

Jonathan Linnell
Samuel Brown Esq

for men to have a negative vote in
disposing of land within the town

Mr Samuel Mays
Nicholas Snow
Jonathan Higgins Junr
John Sparrow
Isaac Doane

for Sittinymen ———

Daniel Smith Esq
Richard Sparrow

for Surveyors of Highways

John Sparrow
Joseph Higgins Esq
Edward Lincoln
Eliza Edwidge

for fence viewers ———

Isaac Doane
Isaac Snow
John Cole Esq

for pound keeper ———

Jeremiah Smith Esq

voted at the same meeting viz march ye tenth 1714/15
to chuse two men to have the inspection of swine and
accordingly made choice of John Smith John Young and
William Smith to serve in the office as the law directs —

voted march ye 16th 1714/15 that a town meeting should be warranted to
be holden on the 24th day of march current to consider what is proper to be
done to prevent the damage that is done or like to be done by persons fencing
and improving the towns Commons contrary to order
voted at the same meeting that Joseph Doane and John Doane Esq with Capt
Samuel Freeman John Paine Thomas Doane and Edward Lincoln be a committee
for the town to consider what will be the most proper and effectual means to pre-
vent persons from disorderly fencing improving and wasting the towns Commons and to
make report thereof to the town at their next meeting

at a town meeting in Eastham on the twenty fourth day of march anno domini 1714/15
the town made choice of Mr David Doane to serve on the bench at the next Superi-
rior Court to be holden there at plimouth
and Mr Samuel Knowles to serve on the bench of Tryals at sd Superior Court —

at a town meeting in Eastham on the 24 day of march 1714/15 The town
made choice of Thomas Rogers and Benjamin Snow to serve on the bench
for the following year and at the same meeting chose John Cole Esq to serve on the bench
of Tryals at Barnstable on the 1st of April next

(30)
at a town meeting in Eastham on the twenty fourth day of March anno Domini 1713 the town made choice of Mr Samuel Mayo for moderator for the ensuing

at a town meeting in Eastham March 24th 1714/15 it was granted by the vote of the town that Jonathan Linnel should have as much land for quantity and quality as he had laid out in the land which he had left out for the benefit of the prisoners going down to the pond for water for their cattle which is to be laid out by the negative men near his house he surrendering up said land to us and benefit of us & town forever

at a town meeting in Eastham March 24th 1714/15 James Higgins petitioned to us town for about ten or twelve rod of land to set a barn and hay-yard on near his dwelling house which petition was granted by ye vote of ye town

at a town meeting in Eastham December the 3^d 1715 Thomas Rich was admitted a towns man. Attest Isaac Popper Town Clerk

Transcribed from a script given under the hand of Isaac Popper as above & who was
at a town meeting in Eastham

Attest Isaac Popper Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham ye 24th day of November 1715 with reference to a footway blow through Mr Samuel Knowles his land over by the head of the town where the stile is. The town purposed to reserve by the town grant of sd Knowles his land there some uncomfortable differences having arisen where said way should pass for the quieting and settling whereof sd town at a meeting made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman Jo John Jones Esq^r Sergeant Daniel Cole and Joseph Cole as a committee to go with sd Mr Knowles to settle and bound out a footway so as may be most convenient for foot persons to travel & not prejudicial to sd Mr Knowles and what sd committee and said Mr Knowles shall do in and about the premises shall for ever remain to be a final settlement thereof as fully to all intents and purposes as if done by sd town personally this above written was voted the day and year above said

Attest Isaac Popper Town Clerk

This above written is truly transcribed from the original script attested by Isaac Popper as

Attest Isaac Popper Town Clerk

above & who was Town Clerk pro tempore

at a town meeting in Eastham on the ninth day of May anno Domini 1714 the town made choice of Mr Samuel Mayo to serve as their Representative at ye General Court at Boston

voted at a town meeting in Eastham May ye 9th 1715 that Mr Samuel Mayo should take care to provide a school master to serve the town

at a town meeting in Eastham June ye 24th 1715 That town being deeply sensible of ye great damage that happens within the town by hay being cut large on the commons by their breaking into meadows and other inclosures though well fenced to the great damage of very many persons. voted at a meeting that the selectmen of sd town be and are hereby directed to make special act to prevent hayes from going at large on the sd commons without being sufficiently forked and that the sd selectmen present the same to His Majesties Justices at the next General Sessions of the peace at Bury for approbation.

at a town meeting in Eastham on the first day of September 1715 Voted that the selectmen of Eastham do forthwith make a rate or assessment on the polls and estates of sd town and the District or Hamlet of Billingsgate as the law directs of the sum of one hundred pounds and thirty pounds or thereabouts and commit the list or lists thereof to the Constable or Constables of sd town or Hamlet to be by him or them collected and paid in to ye selectmen or their order on or before the last day of November next ensuing

at a town meeting on the first day of September 1715 that Mr Thomas Mayo and Mr Samuel Mayo to adjust the accounts with John Peirce as Town Treasurer concerning his receipts and disbursements

at a town meeting in Eastham October ye 16th 1715 the town made choice of Richard Spaycox and Benjamin Higgins to serve on the jury of trials at Barnstable

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at a Town meeting in Eastham on the fifth day of march anno Domini 1715/16
warr'd by order of the Selectmen of sd Eastham to make choice of town
officers. for the year following. accordingly at sd meeting the Town being met
made choice of the respective Town officers as followeth. that is to say -

- for Selectmen Edward Knowles Livett Nicholas Snow and John Linnick
- for Constables for the Southern Mr Joshua Hopkins and Richard Rich
- for Town Clerk John Paine
- for Town Treasurer John Paine
- for Sickingmen Joseph Collins Jun^r and Benjamin Higgins
- for Surveyors of Highways Thomas Mayo and John Cole Jun^r Thomas
Doane and Isaac Baker
- for men to have a negative vote in disposing of land in Eastham Jonathan
Higgins Jun^r John Sparrow Thomas Doane Nicholas Snow and Israel Doane
- for Hon^{le} widows Jabez Snow Isaac Doane and Eliza Young
- for pound keeper Jeremiah Smith Jun^r

at a Town meeting in Eastham March 9th 1715/16 voted that William
Smiths rate of about twenty four shillings should be abated with the Constable
Samuel Doane -

at the same meeting voted that Thomas Cols pole money in the Province
and Town rates made the last summer should be abated with Jonathan Linnick
Constable

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the thirteenth day of a
pril 1716 the Town made choice of John Knowles and Ju
for Sessions at Barnstable
and for Grandjurymen for the year following John Smith
and Richard Cobb

At a Town Meeting in Eastham on the twentieth day of May anno Domi
ni 1716 Mr Samuel Knowles was chosen to Represent sd Town at the
great and Generall Court or assembly to be convened and held and kept in
Boston on the thirtieth day of May current

June 18th 1716: whereas there is private open way allowed by the Committee that
laid out the land in Eastham in a year of our Lord 1715 between the land then laid
out to Mr Josiah Cobb and land then laid out to Mr John Mufford at places com
monly called the great neck in Eastham as may be seen on record: and by informati
on it is thought proper and convenient it should be so. Voted at a Town meeting in
Eastham on 9th day above said that the Selectmen of sd Eastham do take an opportuni
ty to view the place and if they find it to be indeed needfull that there should be
a highway in that place that they do bound it out and cause it to be committed to a
care for private way for the benefit of the Town &c

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the eighth day of August 1716 which
meeting was warr'd to take care for the raising of money to pay our towns salary
and the charges of supporting and paying the schoolmaster for the paying the
towns Representative and other necessary County or Town charges. voted that
the Selectmen do forthwith make a rate or assessment on the polls and estates
of the Town of Eastham of one hundred and thirty - pounds and that they com
mit the list or lists thereof to the Constables of said Town to collect according
to sd Direction of y^e law in that case made and provided and pay in the same to
the Selectmen or their order at such time as they shall appoint to be
improved for the said and uses above said

(22)
at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 9th Day of August 1716 voted that
the select men or some by their order do discourse with Mr. Hobart our present
Schoolmaster to see whether he may be obtained to keep School in Eastham for
one year more after his present year is expired and if not for as long
a time as they can agree

at a Townmeeting in Eastham on the Eighth Day of October 1716. The Town made
choice of Mr Samuel Mayo and Mr John Sparrow to serve on the Jury of Trial at
the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace to
be holden at Barnstable

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the eighth Day of October anno domini 1716
it being proposed to the Town and proprietors whether they were willing to leave the matter
in difference betwixt Daniel Atwood and the Town of Eastham referring to land lying at
Wesport in sd Eastham to be determined by men indifferently chosen and the vote being cast
it passed in the affirmative and to the intent that the matter may be prosecuted to
effect and that matter relating to the whole controversy which which Nathaniel Atwood
that ever may arise ~~with~~ betwixt the said Town and proprietors of the Town of East-
ham relating to any particular claim or challenge which the said Daniel Atwood
his heirs or assigns hath or ever shall make by virtue of any particular will or title
which Stephen Atwood late of Eastham deceased had unto any lands lying about
Wesport in sd Eastham. I say that a final end of a matter of controversy may be
fully had and determined the Town and proprietors at the above sd meeting with
the mutual concurrence and consent of the above named Daniel Atwood did make
choise of Mr Chillingworth Foster Mr John Gray of Harwich and Capt Eben-
ezer Hays of Chatham as arbiters betwixt the Town and the said Daniel
Atwood to make a final end and thus of the sd Difference and do hereby oblige
them selves to stand to and abide by their award which they or any two of them
shall give in under their hand on or before the twenty third Day of October current
and provided the sd Daniel Atwood become bound also to stand to and abide by
their award to be given in and it was also further voted at the above said meeting
that Mr Samuel Mayo and Mr John Sparrow shoud be agents and are hereby ap-
pointed and authorized to be agents for and in behalf of the Town of Eastham to appear
for and to say and do what is proper to be said and done with reference to the premises
and what soever they shall legally do or act with reference there unto the said Town
and proprietors do hereby oblige them selves to stand to and abide by and do hereby grant
that it shall be as full and absolute to all intents and purposes as if done by them selves

at a Town meeting in Eastham on yd 8th day of October anno domini 1716 voted
by the Town that they are willing to allow Mr Nathaniel Hobart ten pounds over
and above what he is by agreement to have for keeping School provided he will be
helpful and assisting to the Reverend Samuel Tuck in preaching as there shall be occa-
sion until one quarter of a year is expired after the present quarter is out which he has
ingaged to keep School in sd Eastham and it was further voted at the meeting above
said that John Davis Esqr Jonathan Higgins Junr and John Davis Esqr and desired
to Treat with Mr Hobart about the premises to see whether he will be ingaged

at a town meeting in Eastham on the thirteenth day of march anno domini 1716 by duly warned by order of ye selectmen to choose officers for the following year as the law directs. The town then assembled made choice of town officers as followeth —

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| for town clock — — — — — | John Baine |
| for town treasurer — — — — — | John Baine |
| for selectmen — — — — — | { Isaac Popper
Samuel Mayo
John Baine |
| for men to have a negative vote in disposing of land within the town of Eastham — — — — — | { Capt. Samuel Freeman
Edward Knowles
John Knowles
Jabor Snow
Jonathan Higgins Junr |
| for Constables — — — — — | { John Cole Junr
Elisha Bridg Junr |
| for sitting men — — — — — | { Mr John Cooke
William Saining |
| for Survoighors of Highways — — — — — | { Thomas Mayo Junr
Jonathan Linnel
Thomas Doane
Isaac Baker |
| for fence Viewers — — — — — | { Jabor Snow
Isaac Doane
Elisha Young |
| for pound Keeper — — — — — | Jeremiah Smith Junr |

at the above said town meeting viz march the 13th 1716 by at the desire and motion of John Cole Junr and consent of Jonathan Linnel the town accepted of Jonathan Linnel to be one of constables in the stead of John Cole for the following year provided the said Jonathan Linnel take the oath to serve accordingly

at a town meeting in Eastham on ye 8th day of april anno domini: 1717: the town made choice to serve on the jury of tryalls at Newfcastle the next Court of Mr Joseph Collins and John Baine

and at the same meeting viz april ye 8th 1717 the town made choice of Joseph Atkin and Joseph Higgins Junr to serve on the grand jury for the following year

at a town meeting in Eastham on the eighth day of april anno domini: 1717 voted by ye town that they are willing to allow Mr Nathaniel Hobart for the six Sabbath days which he is engaged to preach for the neighbouring ministers whilst they take their turns to preach in this town twenty shillings aday and to pay for his boarding quint Mr Hobart of the minds of the Town in this matter and to endeavour to engage him to be helpful in the work of the ministry for some longertime

at a town meeting in Eastham on the eighth day of april anno domini: 1717 the town voted that Mr Nathaniel Cole Mr Samuel Mayo Mr John Freeman Junr Mr John Knowles Mr Doan Cole and Mr Thomas Doane shall be a committee to consider of and draw up proposals to offer to the town in order to the compelling the different apprehensions of the Town all parts of ye Town with respect to ye building ye meeting-house of the Town shall be occasion to build anew or whether there shall be one meeting-house or two and to make return of what they do to ye town at their next town meeting which is appointed to be on the first Monday day of may next at nine of ye clock in the forenoon of the day at ye meeting place

at a town meeting in Eastham on the 15th day of May anno Domini 1717
The qualified inhabitants legally assembled chose of John Paine to serve
as their representative at ye great and General Court at Boston

at a town meeting in Eastham on ye 15th day of May anno Domini 1717
voted that Mr. Isaac Popper shall be employed as a schoolmaster for the town
of Eastham and that he shall be allowed after the rate of forty pounds per annum
for the time he serves

at a meeting in Eastham May 15 1717 voted that Capt Samuel Freeman shall be
reimbursed twenty shillings which he gave to Mr Hugh Adams to qualify him for his
labour in preaching on Lords Day and that Mr Josiah Cooke shall be paid six shillings
for his trouble in fetching and carrying him from and to Chatham which money is to
be paid out of ye town treasury

at the above sd town meeting viz May 15 1717: voted that it is the mind
of the town that Capt Samuel Freeman and John Paine do write to Mr Josiah
Tarrow to know whether there be any incumbrance from him that he may remove
from his present post and come to Eastham to preach the gospel unto us

At a town meeting in Eastham May 30th 1717: voted that Capt Samuel Freeman
shall be reimbursed out of the town treasury twenty shillings which he paid to Mr Hugh
Adams to qualify him for preaching in Eastham on the 15th day of May 1717 being a Lords Day
and that twelve shillings should be paid to sd Capt Freeman for his trouble in entertaining
the ministers that came to preach at Eastham since the Treats Delago.

at a town meeting in Eastham May 30th 1717: voted that the select and desired to take
care to provide entertainment for any that shall come to preach the gospel in Eastham
and to order that he or they be gratified for their labour out of the town treasury as
also that such as entertain any such shall be paid for their trouble & charge

at a town meeting in Eastham on the third day of July 1717: The town chosen
sd made choice of Mr Thomas Mayo for moderator for that meeting

at a town meeting in Eastham on the third day of July anno Domini 1717: being warned and no-
tice given in and by sd notification that it was to consider of ye act and do what may be judged
proper with reference to ye sitting place or places where ye meeting house or meeting houses shall be set
in sd Eastham when there is or shall be occasion to build anew and at sd meeting it was put to
the vote that the meeting house (when there is or shall be occasion to build anew) be set at the
nearest convenient place to ye southward of Foreman Smiths gutter to accommodate the town
in general and the vote passed in the affirmative there being by the moderators account twenty
five voters thirty of which were for the negative and thirty eight for the affirmative

at a town meeting in Eastham on the twenty second day of July anno Domini 1717
warned for that purpose: voted that the selectmen of Eastham do forthwith make a rate
or assessment on the persons and estates of the said town in conjunction with the selectmen of
Millingsgate as the law directs and according to agreement with the selectmen of the town of
one hundred and fifty pounds and the fifth or fifth part thereof to commit to the constable or
constables of sd town to collect and pay in to the select men or their order on or before
the last day of November next ensuing which sd money is to be for the defraying the charge
of the ministry and schools within sd town for the paying such proper current charges
as shall be orderly set on sd town and other necessary town charges arising within the
same

at a town meeting in Eastham on the 22nd day of July 1717 it being a meeting warn-
ed to take some effectual care to procure a minister of the gospel to disseminate the word
of god unto the people in sd town and the church having drawn up some proposals to the
town and nominated Joseph Deane Esq to send as their messenger on said tract to in-
vite a suitable person to come unto us on that account and the question being asked and pro-
posed whether the town will concur with the sd proposals and the vote passed
in the affirmative

Antw'd p John Paine Town Clerk

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at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 26 Day of September anno
Domini: 1714: being warned to consider act and do what is proper to be done
relating to Mr. Nehemiah Hobart for his incivillness who on the Towns in-
vitation, to preach the word of God unto us & at sd meeting the Town made
choice of Mr Thomas Mayo for amoderator for sd meeting.

at the above sd meeting it was proposed to the Town whether they would
of the minds to incur Mr. Nehemiah Hobart to continue with us to preach
the word of God unto us for one half year, reckoning from the time he first came
unto us for that end, which was the 21st day of September, 1714: the vote be-
ing that proposed it passed in the affirmative and in order thereunto the Town
made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman Nathaniel Freeman Esqr and miller
Cole to discourse with Mr Hobart to know his minds relating to this affair and
to make report to the Town who after some short time having discoursed with Mr
Hobart & Committee made this return to the Town that Mr Hobart was not willing
to engage for any certain time until he had been at home at Hingham, which he
must do after two Sabbaths more were past and then if he saw reason to return
again he would engage for some certain time and if not he would signify his mind
with all speed that may be and that for the time he hath or shall leave the Town
before he goes home the Town may give him what they please, whereupon the Town voted
that five and twenty shillings for week shall be paid out of the Town Treasury
to Mr. Nehemiah Hobart for
so many Sabbath days as he hath or shall stay to preach before he returns home
and the Town to pay his board.

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the seventh day of October anno Domini
1714 the Town made choice of Mr John Knowles and Mr John Cole Junr
to serve on the Jury of tryals at Barnstable the next Sessions

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 30th Day of December
anno Domini: 1714: The Town then assembled made choice of Mr
Jesse Popper and Mr Elisha Higgins to serve on the Jury of try-
als at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General
Sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable on the 21st Day
of December Current

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 30th Day of December: anno Domini
1714: Joseph Doane Esqr laid his account of his charges and expenses in
going on the Towns account to look for a minister for the Town which charges
and time amounted (by his account) to the sum of four pounds eleven shillings
and sixpence and the question being asked whether they allowed said account
and it passed in the affirmative and that the sd sum of four pounds eleven
shillings and sixpence be paid to Mr Joseph Doane out of the Towns Treas-
ury

at the same meeting Justice Nathaniel Freeman and David Doane
laid their account of their time and charges in going to look out for a minister
which amounted in whole to the sum of seven pounds and six shillings and the
question being asked whether they allowed sd account it passed in the affirmative
and that the sum of seven pounds and six shillings be paid out the Towns Treas-
ury to Mr Nathaniel Freeman and David Doane

also at the same meeting it was voted that the sum of five pounds be paid
to Capt Samuel Freeman and Mr Knowles in full for their time and expen-
ses in accompanying Mr Osborn to and from Plymouth

at the same meeting voted that the sum of six shillings (for time he spent
in order to procure Mr Lord to come to Eastham to preach) be paid to Jonathan
Linnell out of the Town Treasury

Attest in Court 1716

at a Town-meeting in Eastham on the Twentieth Day of February 1717/18
ordainly warned and met. Voted that Mr Samuel Knowles be moderator for a meeting
Whereas there was a vote passed by the Town of Eastham ordainly warned and met on
the third day of July: anno domini 1714: to this purpose that when there is or shall be
occasion to build a new meeting house the place where it shall be set, ^{in the} most con-
venient place to ye Southward of Jeremiah Smiths gutter to accommodate the
whole Town. But whereas it seems to be grievous to some of the inhabitants of ye
northern part of the Town therefore at a Town-meeting in Eastham ordainly warn-
ed and met on the Twentieth Day of February anno domini 1717/18 it was proposed
and the vote asked for whether the Town would sit down satisfied if the place
for the meeting house is to be set when there is or shall be occasion to build or new
shall be somewhere near abouts where the Towns pound now stands, in the most
convenient place thereabouts. the vote being asked therefor it passed in the negative
and then a meeting by the major vote was ordered ^{to be adjourned} and was accordingly adjourn-
ed to Monday ye 24th Day of February Current at nine of the clock forenoon

at a Town meeting in Eastham continued by adjournment from Monday the Twen-
tieth Day of February 1717/18. to Monday ye 24th Current and then met. at a meeting
a paper was presented subscribed with twentyfive hands the contents whereof were as
followeth (viz. We the subscribers do propose and conclude that it will be best for sd Town
to divide according to ye number of families in order for building two meeting houses &
setting two ministers and in case sd Town cant lovingly agree where the dividing line
shall be. then for the Town to make choice of a Committee out of the neighbouring Town or
Towns to determine that matter and Mr Osburn to have liberty to settle in which
end of the Town he shall see cause and as soon as there shall be occasion for the
whole Town to be at ye cost and charge of looking out for and bringing into Town
another gospel minister for the other end of ye Town. and the vote being asked
it passed in the negative

at the same meeting: viz. February ye 24th 1717/18. voted that the Town is willing
that a meeting house to accommodate the Town shall be set where ^{abouts} the Town
pound now stands

Voted that Joseph Doane Esqr Capt Samuel Freeman Mr John Knowles
and Nathaniel Freeman Esqr be a Committee to discourse Mr Osburn relating
to his settlement in ye ministry and then by the vote of ye Town the meeting was
adjourned to Tuesday the 11th Day of March next coming

21 at a Town meeting in Eastham held by adjournment from February ye 24th 1717/18.
and to March ye 11th following and then met voted that Joseph Doane Esqr Capt Samuel
Freeman Mr Isaac Coe David Doane Thomas Doane and John Snow be a Committee to view up
propose to present to ye Town at their present meeting with reference to a meeting house
to be set down in one hour. And after some time the sd Committee brought in the
following proposals: (viz) Among which we considered the circumstances of
sd Town relating to what was laid before us and the manifest difficulties
that we have been labouring under and notwithstanding all the intentions
that have been used for the Towns keeping together and meeting in
one place for carrying on the publick worship of God we find it is diffi-
cult and prejudicial to both ends of the Town that we find it will be
much better and will tend more to the glory of God our own peace &
comfort for sd Town to divide in order ~~in order~~ for building two ^{distinct} meeting
houses in such places in each part of the Town as may be most conve-
nient for each end of sd Town and setting two distinct ministers at
the cost and charge of each part of sd Town we therefore of sd
Town what follows in order to be voted

first that D Town divide into two distinct parts: and that the dividing-line between D two parts begin at the place called the harbour-mouth thence southeasterly up the bottom-dow is the main creek runs to the head of said boat-madow between the house of Jeremiah Smith and the house of Daniel Smith thence southeasterly across the road and by the range between the land of Ensign Joseph Morrish and the land of Jeremiah Smith and so into y^e town Cove and down D Cove round longest point & out at the Stage harbour.

That the town now vote a suitable man to lay the premises before y^e next General Court and pray D General Court to do what may be proper to enable D distinct parts of D town to raise money distinctly among them selves to support their own charge of building each meeting house and settling and supporting each minister from time to time that so soon as the inhabitants of y^e southerly end of D town shall have built them a meeting house for carrying on the public worship of God and have obtained a minister among them then for the northerly end of D town to have for them selves and to their own proper use y^e meeting house now standing in D northerly end of D town;

if the Reverend Mr Samuel Osburn may be obtained to settle in said town then for him to have the liberty to settle in which end of y^e D town he shall see cause and the whole town then to be at the cost and charge of obtaining and bringing into D town another minister for the other end of D town;

That so long and until there be provision made relating to the promises for each or one of D parts of D town to Congregate by them selves that each part of D town shall Joyntly as heretofore have all such charge as has or shall be needfull for the support of such minister as shall in D time dispoase the word of God to them at the above D meeting viz. moved y^e 11th 1717/18 the above D vote of D Committee was publicly read in the meeting and the question being asked by the moderator whether the town did accept thereof the vote passed in the affirmative and pursuant therunto the town at D meeting (by ~~votes in writing~~) made choice of Joseph Goane Esq^r to lay the matter promised before the General Court as it before presented

The vote of y^e Committee above D is faithfully transcribed from the original y^e John Paine Town Clerk

unto the town of the Committee above D names were subscribed —

- Joseph Cole
- Thomas Doane
- David Doane
- Jobos Snow
- Joseph Doane

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the twentyfourth day of march anno domini 1717/18 being convened to make choice of Town officers for the following year

the Town made choice of Joseph Doane Esq^r for a moderator for D meeting at y^e D town meeting the town made choice of John Paine for a Town Clerk for Town Treasurer they they made choice at y^e same meeting of John Paine

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 22 day of march anno domini 1717/18 viz. about Capt Samuel Huceman and Mr Isaac Popper shall in the Towns behalf account with John Paine as Town Treasurer concerning his receipt and disbursements and make report to y^e town concerning the state of y^e town

account of the building of the meeting house & must houses
 of the town of Eastham
 1717/18

of Capt Samuel Freeman Mr Daniel Cole & Edward Knowles for select men
of Mr Daniel Cole Mr Edward Knowles John Doane Esq. Mr John Sparrow &
Mr Samuel Mayo for men to have negative vote in disposing of lands

for sittingmen the town made choice of Isaac Higgins & George Ward
of Jonathan Linnell Thomas Doane Samuel Brown & Deot John Knowles
for surveyors

of Jabez Snow Eliza Young & Isaac Doane for fence viewers
of Jeremiah Smith Junr for pound keeper Jeremiah Smith
of John Atwood Jabez Walker & Joshua Harding for persons to see to the
due observance of the law relating to tithing John Atwood Jabez Walker
and Joshua Harding

At a town meeting in Eastham on y^e 24th Day of march anno domini 1717/18
the town made choice of Samuel Smith and Joseph Cole to serve on the grand
Jury the following year and of Jabez Snow and David Doane to serve on the
Jury of tryalls

at the above D meeting viz: march y^e 24th: 1717/18 at the motion off Mr Edward
Knowles and Mr David Doane the town voted to accept of R. David Doane to
be Constable in the place of R. Edward Knowles he taking the oath to serve
as Constable

whereas it is Reported in the laying out of lands in Eastham in the year of our
Lord 1711 it is Reported that there was no return made to the Clerk of the bounds of the
Townment lot of John Young Senior though the D lot was notwithstanding laid out and
bounded: wherefore at a town meeting in Eastham on the fourteenth Day of April anno
Domini 1718. Benjamin Young the son of the D John Young came to D meeting and ex-
hibited a paper containing the boundaries as was D of the lot of land as it was
bounded by the Committee that laid out D land and it being publicly read the town
then voted that the D lot of land as it is bounded and set forth in D paper be
D committed to record ~~and~~ and held as good as if it had been recorded in order in the proper
book excepting any part there that may or shall happen to interch upon other lots
of land already committed to record

At a town meeting in Eastham on the fourteenth Day of April 1718. warrd
to consider and take care about what related to the settling the differences that are
in the town about meeting house or houses dividing the town &c or to make choice of
a committee of judicious men for that purpose and being met it was at D meeting
proposed by a paper written ^{advised} the contents whereof were as followeth (viz) it is proposed
in order to be voted that the town now proposed to make choice of a committee three ju-
dicious men out of some neighbouring towns to view our town and see and hear
our circumstances and thereupon to determine whether D town shall divide or not
and if they judge it best for the town to divide then to determine where the di-
viding line shall be. and in case the said committee shall judge it best for the town
to keep together and build but one meeting house to accommodate the whole town
then to determine where the place shall be where D meeting house shall be set
and that the result and determination of D committee with votes to the premis-
sels shall be binding to the inhabitants of this town to all intents and purposes
and that there shall be three men chosen as agents for the town to lay the cir-
cumstances of y^e town before D committee and that D agents be nominated and
chosen

town to build meeting house

Chosen one out of the northerly part one out of the southerly part and one out of the middle part of D Town and that the sd agents shall be the only persons to lay the premises before D Committee. and the vote be^{ing} passed by the moderator it passed in the affirmative where upon the town then proceeded & made choice of Capt Joseph Lewthrop and Mr John Barker of Barnstable and Mr Eliza Hall of Yarmouth for a committee to determine and settle the matter promised and also voted that Joseph Deane Esq^r Mr Samuel Knowles and Mr Thomas Dean should be their agents as above sd to lay the premises before D Committee. voted also at D meeting that the selectmen take care that the committee above sd be paid for their time and trouble out of the Towns Treasury

At a Town meeting in Eastham May ye 12th 1718 warned to make choice of a person to Represent^y at a great and General Court and at D meeting the town (by the major part of the voters then present) made choice of John Perine to serve for and Represent them at the Great and General Court and he being present accepted of y^e trust and the town then voted to make up his wages five shillings p^r diem with what the law allows

at a Town meeting in Eastham on y^e twelfth day of May anno domini 1718: voted that the selectmen of Eastham take care to procure a Grammar Schoolmaster for the town

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on the nineteenth day of May anno domini 1718: which meeting was warned and notice in and by D warning given that it was to consider and do what is proper to be done for the raising of money to defray the charge of building a meeting house in Eastham as determined by y^e committee and to chuse a committee to carry on sd work and to appoint a time when D meeting house shall be built and finished and also for the Towns concurrence with y^e Church in y^e chuse of a gospel minister and to do what is proper to y^e settling of a gospel minister among us. and so on in D notification for the above D meeting it was also further signified and notice given that the town do further the matter relating to y^e meeting house &c and yet agree for the dividing the town on the consideration of the great hardships which will befall some persons if y^e meeting house be let where the committee determined

at the D meeting (viz) May ye 19th 1718 the town made choice of Joseph Deane Esq^r for moderator for said meeting

at the above D meeting May ye 19th 1718: the vote was and^{ed} for by the moderator whether ~~whether~~ they would first consider and act on the matter relating to y^e meeting house and it passed in y^e affirmative

at the same meeting the question was asked by y^e moderator whether the town would have the meeting house to be built and finished by the next fall of y^e year come twelve and at the same meeting it was passed by y^e moderator in order to be voted that

three hundred pounds be raised to build a meeting house in Eastham agreeable to the determination of the Committee appointed by the town for that end which meeting house to be of the dimensions of the New meeting house lately built in Barnstable and y^e money shall be raised by a tax or assessment ~~that~~ and levied on the inhabitants of D Town (bindings rate ~~excepted~~ excepted) in such manner as by law is provided for the raising of money to defray town charges &c: and that three hundred pounds of D money shall be raised collected and paid in on or before the first day of April which will be in the year 1719: and the other half thereof that is three hundred pounds to be collected and paid in on or before the last day of October in y^e same year which D money shall be paid in to the selectmen (for the time being) or to their order for the ends promised these proposals being read and the vote being asked by the moderator it passed in the affirmative and pursuant therunto the town at the meeting above sd made choice of Lieut Nicholas Snow and Jonathan ~~Wright~~ ^{Wright} as agents for the town to take such care that the meeting house be built at the time and according to y^e dimensions promised

Whereas we of the Church and Town of Eastham have been for a considerable time (since the death of our Reverend pastor Mr Samuel Treat) destitute of an established gospel minister to dispense the word and ordinances of God according to gospel rules and order and having solemnly and seriously as we hope (and as we account it our duty) recommended our selves and that concern by prayer and supplication, and application to y^e great lord of y^e harvest to send forth labourers into this harvest yard and whereas by y^e good providence of our gracious Lord we have been (as we humbly hope) so far directed in this affair as to invite and give a call to Mr Samuel Osburn to come unto us who hath for about the space of half a year dispensed the word of God unto us to our general satisfaction. So that we now think it our duty to make further motion in that matter in order to give him a more effectual call to the sacred work of the gospel ministry. Therefore the Brethren of the Church of Christ in Eastham being the greatest part of them (upon due notice given) met to gether on the nineteenth day of May anno domini: 1718 did there (as we thought it our duty) make choice of Mr Samuel Osburn to be y^e pastor of the Church of Christ in Eastham and the minister of the said Town. In order that he may be in due time solemnly (according to gospel order) recommended and established in that ~~work~~ ^{sacred} work of the gospel ministry. This was voted by a unanimous agreement and concurrence of the Brethren of the Church and desired to be communicated to the Town and recommended for concurrence.

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the nineteenth day of May: 1718. the above written act of the Brethren of y^e Church in making choice of Mr Samuel Osburn was published by read in the meeting and the question being asked by the moderator whether the Town did concur with the Church. the vote passed in the affirmative.

Entered per Jno Laine Town Clerk

at the Town meeting above voted that Capt Samuel Freeman and Nathanael Freeman s^rs and desired to inform Mr Osburn that the Church and Town have made choice of him self for the minister of y^e Town and desired of him that if he have ought to propose to y^e Town he will please to inform them thereof

the churches act is signed by

Samuel Freeman
Joseph Doane
Nathanael Freeman
John Laine
in behalf of the rest then present

and the said Mr Osburn by them signified to y^e Town his acceptance of the call above to and that for his subsistence and settlement he would leave it to y^e Town to do as they pleased. Jno Laine Town Clerk
whereupon the Town passed a vote as followeth (viz) That from the time Mr Osburn came first into Town until one year expired he be allowed by the Town for his maintenance and support in the work of the ministry suitable house room with the use of y^e Churches land and firewood by him self procured from off the ministerial lands in sd. Town and eighty pounds paid him by the Town for the first year commencing from the time he came first into Town and ten pounds more also paid him by the Town on the consideration that he abated so much of his salary at plimouth in order to get free from keeping school at plimouth. and at or before the expiration of sd year for the Town to determine or what may be proper for y^e maintenance and support of him self and family afterwards during the time of his continuance in the work of the ministry in Eastham as to settlement & otherwise

at a Town meeting in Eastham on y^e 19th day of May 1718 voted that Mr Isaac Popper be continued in the work of keeping schools in Eastham until there be another provided

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 4th day of July anno domini: 1718
ordainly warned and met. Voted: that Mr Samuel Mayo be the moderator for said
meeting.

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the seventh day of July anno domini: 1718
the inhabitants of the hamlet of Billingsgate (by their agents John Isaac Esq^r and Mr
Samuel Brown) proposed petition praying that they may be set off to be a distinct town
ship from the bounds of Truro to ye Indian brook between the dwelling houses of Isaac
Downe and Isaac Higgins from Truro Easterly to ye sea and westerly to ye mouth of
Billingsgate Bay and in breadth from boat to sea. which said petition was presented
read and the question being asked by the moderator whether they would grant the
prayer of the petition it passed in the negative.

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the seventh day of July anno domini: 1718
ordainly warned and met and notice in and by a warning given that the Town
would reconsider the matter relating to the building of a meeting house and act and do what may
be proper relating to it building two meeting houses &c and of a meeting petition was presented
praying the reconsidering the matter relating to the building and stating the place for a meeting
house and for the entertaining considering and acting what may be proper for building
two meeting houses &c. and the question being asked by the moderator whether the
Town would reconsider that matter it passed in the affirmative.

At the above sd meeting: viz: July 7th 1718 there was a paper presented to ye
Town signed with sixteen hands or names desiring that their dissent might be
entered against the proceedings of ye Town at sd meeting relating to the meeting
house &c might be entered in the town records and the question being asked by ye mo-
derator whether their sd dissent should be entered accordingly it passed in the ne-
gative.

At the above sd Town meeting: viz: July 7th 1718 voted that the votes and
orders of the Town of Eastham relating to ye building a meeting house in Eastham
passed by ye sd Town on the 14th day of April anno domini: 1718 and on the nineteenth
day of May: 1718: be and hereby are made void and of none effect: and inasmuch as
the building of one meeting house at the place provided by the Committee is like to
occasion great discontent and uneasiness to both ends of ye Town and inasmuch as
the Town lies most convenient to be accommodated by two meeting houses one in
each part it is therefore proposed that the whole Town (Billingsgate Hamlet excepted)
do proceed to build one meeting house first at the Southern part of the Town for
to accommodate that part and that when sd meeting house is built that the
Town take care to select another minister able and orthodox at the charge of the
Town and as soon as the northern part of ye Town shall desire to have another
meeting house built then for the whole Town (Billingsgate Hamlet excepted) to be at
the charge to build a meeting house suitable to accommodate the sd northern part
of the Town and in the mean time that the whole Town meet at the meeting house
now in Eastham and joyntly support the worship of God and when another mi-
nister shall be settled in the Town the whole Town to be at the charge to settle and
support both the ministers until such time as the Town shall agree otherwise
these above sd proposals were publicly read at the above sd Town meeting and
the question being asked whether the Town did agree to ye sd proposals the vote
passed in the affirmative the poll being numbered by the moderator there were six-
tyfive voters present forty of which were for the affirmative and twentyfive
for negative.

And at the above sd Town meeting: viz: July 7th 1718 it was further pro-
posed to ye Town in order to be voted: that there be three hundred pounds raised
and levied on the polls and estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham
to build the meeting house in the Southern part of ye Town according to the
above vote. and also three hundred pounds more to build the other meeting house
at ye northerly end of ye Town as above sd money to be raised at the rates in last
cases provided and that the sd three hundred pounds to build the first of sd meet-
ing house be assessed collected and paid in to ye Town Treasurer one half thereof

on or before the fifteenth day of April which will be in the year of our Lord 1719: and the other half of ⁵⁹ £ three hundred pounds to be collected and paid in to ~~the~~ Town Treasurer on or before the last day of October in ^{the} year which £ money is and shall be for the defraying the charge and cost of building ^{the} first meeting house which ^{the} second meeting house shall be built and finished on or before the last day of October in ^{the} year of our Lord 1719: and that the Town choose a committee of Judicious men to take care and see that the work of building ^{the} second meeting house be carried on to effect: and also after ^{the} first meeting house is finished as soon as the Major part of the Town or the Major part of the northerly part of ^{the} Town shall move therefor the other of ^{the} second meeting houses shall be built to accommodate the northerly part of the Town. and it is also proposed that each of ^{the} second meeting houses be built and set up to the best advantage to accommodate each part of ^{the} Town ~~the~~ the meeting house at the southerly part of ^{the} Town be set up near the northwest corner of Mr the mat. Mayes land at pochy. and the other meeting house for the northerly end of ^{the} Town be set up a little to ^{the} northward of the Horving pond field corner by ^{the} the called on upon one of the Towns commons near towards where James Mayes house once stood, by the Highway: and that the other three hundred pounds to be raised for the building of the meeting house at the northerly end of the Town shall be levied collected and paid into the Treasury of ^{the} Town for the use ^{the} reasonably to accomplish ^{the} work when there shall be occasion as appeared these propositions above written were severally times and fully read at the aforesaid Town meeting, and the question being asked by the moderator whether ^{the} Town ~~should~~ did grant and allow and confirm ^{the} propositions. and it passed in the affirmative and pursuant therunto the Town at ^{the} second meeting made choice of Mr Israel Cole and Mr John Sparrow as a committee or agents in the Towns behalf to take care that the meeting house at the southerly end of ^{the} Town be built and finished according to Town order and vote above written and also made choice of Mr Edward Knowler and Mr Thomas Deane as a committee to see to the carrying on the meeting house at the northerly end of the Town when they shall have order therefor.

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the seventh day of July anno domini 1718 orderly convened and met voted that Mr Ozburn shall be allowed for the next year (commencing from the time that the current year according to town vote and agreement is expired) ninety pounds, and the Town to procure and find him convenient house room to live in, and he to have liberty to cut firewood from off the ministerial lands and to have the improvement of ^{the} land called Roulons lots provided that he the said Mr Ozburn continue in the work of the Ministry in Eastham ^{the} Town.

At a Town Meeting in Eastham on the 12th day of January 1718 The Town made choice of Mr Samuel Deane and Mr Edward Knowler to serve on the jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Bawburgh.

At a Town Meeting in Eastham orderly warned, and met on Wednesday the thirtieth day of July anno domini: 1918. and notice therein given that it was to give orders for the raising money to pay the charges of supporting the ministry and school for the paying of such sum as shall be set on by the officers of the municipality for the defraying the charges of county fees and for the paying the necessary and contingent charges arising within the town and it was also therein inserted that the town reconsider and rescind the vote passed at its last town meeting in Eastham refusing to meeting houses and to consider whether it will not be best to enlarge the old meeting house and when the town sees cause to build anew to let it meeting at or near the same place where the old one now stands and also to do what may be proper to be done referring to Mr. Osburn's Settlement among us

At the 2d meeting: viz: July 30th 1918 ordered and voted that the select men do with all convenient speed assess on the inhabitants of the town of Eastham (according to the directions of the law in that behalf made and provided) the sum of two hundred & eight - pounds to be collected and paid in, the one half on or before the first day of November next coming or of the select men or officers that judgment shall be for the defraying the charges of supporting the ministry for the paying such sum or sums of money as shall be set on by the Justices of the peace for the defraying of the police for the defraying County charges, and such charges as have or shall hereafter arise in the town as the Schoolmaster or ye and that the agreement with the Hamlet of Billingsgate referring to footing them from paying to the town charges be duly observed

At the same meeting: viz: July 30th 1918. after debate on the matter it was proposed by the moderator whether the town would reconsider and rescind the vote passed the last town meeting. (as entered in the votes of 2d day: viz: July 30th 1918) relating to ye building two meeting houses and the vote passed in the negative

At the 3d meeting it was proposed whether it was the mind of the town to repair to enlarge the meeting house for the present and to remain in the place where it now stands for some time and when again one is built to stand at or near the same place. and the vote being asked it passed in the negative

At a town meeting in Eastham on the sixth day of October anno domini: 1918. The town made choice of Mr. Samuel Knowles and Mr. John Wilke to serve on the jury of trials at Barnstable

At a above D meeting the town ordered that the select men of the town shall account with Capt John Knowles concerning what is due to him from the town for rent for a house wherein Mr. Osburn now lives and concerning other matters wherein the town is indebted to D Knowles. in order if the same be paid

At a town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on Monday the first day of October: 1918. The town made choice of Mr. John Paine (their Representative for the time being) to make answer and ^{in response to} ~~supplement~~ ^{in response to} a petition preferred to the Great and General Court at Boston by the agents for Billingsgate Hamlet wherein they pray for a township to be set off from Eastham as in and by D petition may be seen. and do hereby fully empower the said John Paine to do and act what may be proper referring to the premises or to improve or employ any other person to be helpful in that affair if he shall judge it needful. the above written was voted at the above D meeting and ordered to be entered in the minute book of Eastham and is accordingly entered

Witnessed by John Paine Town Clerk
Samuel Knowles
Edward Knowles
Daniel Cobb } Selectmen of Eastham

At a town-meeting meeting in Eastham on the 31st Day of October 1718: warned to Consider and do what ^{may} be proper for the further settling of the Reverend Samuel Ozburn and also to do what may be proper for the obtaining another Gospel minister for the northerly part of sd town, according to ye vote of sd town and forasmuch as the sd Mr Ozburn hath taken his choice to settle in the southerly part of sd town the town do therefore now resolve and vote that one hundred pounds be raised on the polls & Estates of the inhabitants of sd town (to the Southward of Blackfish Crick) for the building a dwelling house for the Reverend Samuel Ozburn in such place as may best accomodate him, and that the sd money be one half thereof collected and paid in to the town Treasurer for that use on or before y^e fifteenth day of April next coming and the other half thereof collected and paid in to sd town Treasurer for said use on or before y^e fifteenth day of October next coming. and that one half part of sd hundred pounds be by the assessors put into and raised with the Rate for raising the first hundred and fifty pounds for building the meeting house at the southerly end of sd town. and that Mr Samuel Osgood and Mr Jonathan Higgins June be a Committee to Carry on the work of building ~~the house~~ and that sd house be built and finished at or before the last day of August next coming and that when and so soon as there shall be occasion for the same that there be one hundred pounds more raised on the polls and Estates of sd town (to the Southward of Blackfish Crick) for the building a dwelling house for such minister as shall settle in the northerly part of sd town when there shall be occasion and that the money to be raised be paid in to the town Treasurer of sd town as above sd for building each of sd ministers houses and that be drawn out Respectively from sd Treasurer by the Respective Committees for the defraying the Respective charges of building sd Respective houses as need shall require. Capt John Knowles being chosen Moderator for sd meeting. the vote being called for upon the above written, by the moderator it past in the affirmative

Joseph Doane town Clerk for this day

at the above ^{town} Meeting viz: the 31st Day of October 1718: it being considered that the Reverend Samuel Ozburn having taken his choice to settle at the southerly end of sd town and therefore it will be convenient for him to remove there as soon as the meeting-house for that end of the town be so far finished as to Congregate in and forasmuch as the whole town (the Parish of Blackfishgate excepted) are obliged by their former vote (or votes) to look out for obtaining and settling another Gospel Minister in sd town and the sd town be now legally assembled for that end do Conclude and resolve that another Gospel minister be sought out for and invited into sd town in order for his Settlement in the work of the ministry in sd town according to Gospel rule and order and the intent of the former vote of sd town in regard for that end do determine that some suitable man or men be chosen to look out for and in the name and behalf of sd town to invite such Gospel minister into sd town in order for his Settlement in the work of the Ministry as above said the vote being called for by the moderator upon the above written past in the affirmative

Joseph Doane town Clerk for this day

At the above ^{town} Meeting in Eastham viz: the 31st Day of October 1718: when Capt John Knowles & Mr Thomas Doane were chosen pursuant to the above vote of sd town in the name and behalf of sd town to look out for and invite into sd town a Gospel minister in order for his Settlement in the work of the ministry in sd town as above sd voted in the affirmative.

Joseph Doane town Clerk for this day

The above written several paragraphs are faithfully transcribed from the original script and thoroughly compared

J^r Doane town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 12th day of January anno domini: 1718/19 The Selectmen & assessors of the Town of Eastham present in their accounts to y^e Town as followeth (being an order first given to the Town Treasurer) That we do order you to pay to Samuel Johnson as followeth To one day apiece for granting Town meetings — 00-09-00
 To taking the valuation nine days apiece — 04-01-00
 To making Rates seven days apiece — 03-03-00
 To making up accounts with Capt. Knowles and other Town business half day apiece — 00-04-00
 also to be paid to Daniel Cole for half a day for taking up a warrant and carrying it to y^e Constable to convey John Robins out of Town — 00-02-00

voted by the Town that y^e whole account be allowed excepting 7-19-00 only that article of nine shillings for granting Town meetings was disallowed by the Town vote 7-10-00

At the above sd meeting voted that Richard Knowles be allowed and paid out of the Town Treasury two pounds and ten shillings for bringing Mr Ozburns family and goods from plimouth in y^e year 1717

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 12th day of January anno domini: 1718/19 it was proposed to the Town whether they were willing to allow to Richard Knowles fifty shillings for bringing Mr Ozburn his family and goods from plimouth in the year 1717 and the vote being after it passed in the affirmative

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned, and met on the ninth day of february anno domini: 1718/19 to consider and do what might be judged proper to ~~prevent the selectmen~~ prevent the selectmen from fault with making orders to pay the Towns fine for not having a schoolmaster according to law. Mr Samuel Knowles being chosen moderator for sd meeting. voted that in consideration that it will be a great charge to the Town and trouble to y^e Constable to make a particular rate or assessment to raise sd sum of twenty pounds that therefore the Town Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay out of the Towns Treasury the sd sum of twenty pounds to the County Treasurer at y^e time ordered by the Court of quarter sessions by their warrant and that the selectmen or assessors are hereby ordered and directed to raise and levie the sd sum of twenty pounds on the Town as the law directs for the raising of Town Rates as soon as there shall be occasion therefor and it is further ordered and voted that the selectmen in behalf of the Town do humbly petition his majesties Justices of the General Sessions of the peace to be holden in april next to remit or abate sd fine or order the disposing thereof to the benefit and to wards the support of the school in Eastham. and that Mr Samuel Knowles do appear as the Towns agent to present sd petition and say what may be proper thereunto

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the ninth day of february anno domini: 1718/19 ~~the Town made choice of Mr Isaac Popper to go to England after and to invite into Town some suitable person who is orthodox and of good conversation~~ to invite into Town some suitable person who is orthodox and of good conversation to come into Town in order to his settlement in the word of the mi nistry. ~~the vote being after it passed in the affirmative~~

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the ninth day of february anno domini: 1718/19 the Town made choice of Mr Isaac Popper to go to england after and in the name and behalf of the Town to invite some suitable person who is orthodox and of good conversation to come into Town in order to his settlement in the word of y^e mini stry.

In the year 1718/19 the Town made choice of Mr Isaac Popper to go to England after and to invite into Town some suitable person who is orthodox and of good conversation to come into Town in order to his settlement in the word of the ministry.

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the twenty third day of March 1789
orderly warned and met to chuse Town officers for the year current —
The Town at a meeting made choice of Joseph Deane Esq for a moderator
for a meeting —
at a meeting the Town made choice of John Paine for Town Clerk
for selectmen for the year current Edward Knowles, Michael Snow and V
Charles Snow Jonathan young & Jfforal Cole Junr —
at the same meeting the vote was asked by the moderator whether they
would chuse officers distinct from the selectmen and it passed in the nega
tive —

at the same meeting the Town made choice of John Paine for Town
treasurer —

for Constables James Rogois & Isaac Baker —

for men to have a negative vote in disposing of land within the Town Daniel
Cole Capt Samuel Freeman Jonathan Higgins Junr Jacob Snow and Sa
muel Mayo —

for striking more in Isaac Popper & Samuel Brown Junr —

for Surveyors of Highways Jacob Snow Richard Sparrows and Eliza
Edridge —

for fence viewers Samuel Deane Eliza Edridge Junr Joseph Atwood Thomas Mayo
and Joseph Higgins —

for persons to see to the due observance of the law relating to wine

James Higgins, George Lewis and Benjamin Cooke —

for Grandjurymen Samuel Freeman Junr & Joseph Atwood —

to serve on the Jury of tryalls the next Court of quarter Sessions at Ham
milla Jonathan Sparrow & Joseph Morrish Junr —

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 12th day of May Anno domini: 1719
orderly warned to make choices of a person to represent them the Town of Eastham at
the General Court or assembly. at a meeting the Town by the major part of
the voters then present made choice of John Paine to serve for and represent
them at the great and General Court to be begun and held on Wednesday the
24th day of May current who being present accepted and the Town voted for him
in encouragement to add one shilling pr day to his wages which the law allows to be
to make it of five shillings pr day

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 12th day of May Anno domini: 1719
orderly warned to consider and do what may be thought proper further to be done
with reference to Mr Benjamin Hob who by the Towns order hath been invited
and is come into Town to preach probationally and at a meeting the Town made
choice of Joseph Deane Esq for a moderator for a meeting. and in order for
the encouragement and settlement of the said Mr Hob in the Town in the work
of the ministry it is proposed in order to be voted and concluded that when and so
soon as the church in Eastham have made choice of him (the said Mr Hob) to
be a gospel minister in the Town and do make known the same unto the Town that

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The said Town will proceed to act and do what by them is proper for them to do in concurring with the churches churches act in that matter and do now earnestly pray that the church would with all convenient speed proceed to do what is proper to be done in and about the promises that to the D Benjamin Webb may, as soon as may be have a full and final call and settlement in the work of the ministry in D Town and that in the mean time there be due care by D Town taken and provision made for the honourable support and encouragement of the D Mr Webb amongst us in the work of the ministry until the church and Town have elected and settled him in D work and that a committee be now chosen to present the promises to him the D Mr Benjamin Webb, and further to invite him in the Name and behalf of D Town to continue in the work of the ministry in D Town until the D Church and Town can valuably proceed to the confirmation of the promises. the vote being called for by the moderator it passed in the affirmative the polls being numbered by the moderator there were present seventy and six voters. Sixty and four whereof were for the affirmative and twelve for the negative and pursuant therunto the Town at D meeting made choice of Capt John Knowles John Lewis Mr Isaac Lopper Mr Daniel Cobb and Mr Edward Knowles for a committee to acquaint Mr Benjamin Webb with the Towns proceedings and to invite him to continue in the work of the ministry having such general liking to his person his gifts and the good character they have of him from persons of worth that they have great hopes that he is a person that will be a great blessing to them if they may be so happy as to obtain him to settle amongst them and that they shall be ready and willing to give him such encouragement as will be honourable to them and comfortable to him. However that he may be honourably visited for the time he doth or may abide with us, by direction from the selectmen

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 28th day of May 1719 Legally warned and assembled to act and do what may be proper for making choice of and giving a full and final call unto the said Mr Benjamin Webb unto the work of the ministry in D Town who for some time to good liking and satisfaction has preached the word of God in D Town and the Church of Christ in D Town having chosen and elected the said Mr Benjamin Webb to be a gospel minister in D Town and have moved that D Town do concur with them in that matter. Joseph Doane Esq^r being chosen moderator for that meeting

Proposed in order to be voted and confirmed that the inhabitants of D Town assembled as above do now concur with the churches act in the promises and do accordingly make choice of the said Mr Benjamin Webb to be a gospel minister in D Town and do also determine that a committee be now chosen to present the promises to him the D Mr Benjamin Webb and in their Name and behalf of D Town to give unto him the D Mr Benjamin Webb a full and final call into the work of the ministry in D Town and pray for his success as soon as may be. The vote being called for by the moderator passed in the affirmative. Isaac proper Town Clerk for this day

24) proposed in order to be voted ⁽⁵⁶⁾ That in case the said Mr Benjamin Webb accept of the above sd call to settle in the work of the ministry in sd town of Eastham that then sd Town proposed to build him a dwelling house pursuant to the former vote of sd Town on record for building a dwelling house for such minister as doth settle in the northerly part of sd Town, and for his support and incouragement in the work of the ministry sd Town will pay unto him ninety pounds per annum year and so proportionably until sd Town and the sd Mr Benjamin Webb do come to a full and final agreement, and all this over and above his improvement of the ministerial lands for the northerly part of the sd Town and to the southward of Blackfish Creek and that said dwelling house when built shall be his own proper estate and let where he sd Mr Benjamin Webb shall appoint in sd Town. At the sd ^{Town} Meeting: viz: the 28th May: 1719: The Town made choice of Joseph Doane Esq^r Mr Isaac Popper Mr Daniel Cole Mr Edward Knowles Capt John Knowles Mr Nath^l & Mr Samuel Doane a Committee to lay the within written before the said Mr Benjamin Webb in the name and behalf of sd Town to give unto him a full & final call into the work of the ministry in sd Town. a vote hereupon being called for by the moderator passed in the affirmative Isaac Popper Town Clerk for this day Transcribed from the original pr J^{no} Paine Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham y^e 29th day of June: 1719: Regularly warned and assembled to act and do what might be proper relating to the promises Joseph Doane being chosen moderator for sd meeting. (1st) proposed in order to be voted that Mr Daniel Cole be chosen to join with Mr Edward Knowles to help to carry on the work of building the meetinghouse at the northerly end of sd Town to the southward of Blackfish Creek pursuant to the vote of sd Town on record the vote being called by the moderator passed in the affirmative

Isaac Popper Town Clerk for this day

24) proposed in order to be voted ^{the above Town} Meeting: viz: June y^e 29th 1719: That the sum of forty pounds more be raised upon the polls and estates of the rateable inhabitants of sd Town (to the southward of Blackfish Creek to finish the work of building the Rever^d Mr Samuel Ozburns house at the southerly end of sd Town and that the same be put into the next Town rates to be made and collected and paid in to the Treasurer of sd Town to be delivered to the undertakers of sd work for defraying the charge thereof. And that y^e like sum of forty pounds more be raised upon the Rateable polls and estates of sd Town to y^e southward of Blackfish Creek to be added to ~~the~~ ^{the} hundred pounds already voted to accomplish the building the ministers house in the northerly part of sd Town pursuant to the vote of sd Town on record. and to be raised with and disposed of according to y^e directions in the said vote for raising sd hundred pounds. The vote being called for by the moderator pass in the affirmative Isaac Popper Town Clerk for this day The above written is faithfully transcribed from the original

pr J^{no} Paine Town Clerk

At last over for the rest of this day and

To pay minister & school master

At a Town meeting in Eastham⁵⁷ on Friday the twenty ninth day of July: 1719. and notice in and by a warning given that it was for the Town to take care and give order for the raising money to pay the ministers salary as agreed and promised by the Town, for the paying the school master, and for the paying the necessary charges arising within the Town for the year current. at a meeting the Town made choice of Nathaniel Freeman Esquire for an moderator for a meeting. whereas there is special session for the raising money to pay the ministers salary and the schoolmaster and other necessary charges arising within the Town for the year current: it is therefore agreed granted and voted by the Town at the above a meeting that the Selectmen of Eastham (who are the assessors for the year current) do with all convenient speed assess the rateable polls and estates belonging to the Town of Eastham (according as the law directs) the sum of two hundred and ninety pounds and that they commit the list or lists thereof to the Constable or Constables of the Town with order to collect and pay in the same to the Town Treasurer or his Successor in office the one half on or before the last day of November next or sooner if the Selectmen shall so direct and the other half on or before the last day of April next to be improved for the use and use above sd and that they have and engaged in their doing to the Towns agreement and grant to the Hamlet of Billingsgate

at the above a meeting (viz) July 28th 1719: Mr Isaac Popper laid his account before the Town of his charges and expenses in going to procure a minister for the Town in March last which amounted to five pounds and fifteen shillings voted that the sd account be allowed and that the said sum of five pounds and fifteen shillings be paid to the sd Isaac Popper out of the Town Treasury

60. £ to finish meeting house

3rd proposed at the above a meeting: viz: June 28th 1719: in order to be voted that the sum of sixty pounds more be raised upon the rateable polls and estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham to the Southward of Blackfish Creek to accomplish the building of the meeting house, or finishing the same now in building at the Southwardly part of the Town, and that the assessors raise the same in the next Town rate to be made and order the payment of the same in, and out for the use above sd and that the like sum of sixty pounds be raised on the rateable polls and estates of the Town of Eastham to the Southward of Blackfish Creek to be added to and raised with the three hundred pounds already voted and upon record granted for building of a meeting house in the Northwardly part of the Town pursuant to the Towns vote already on record and to be ordered to be payed in and out for the use above sd as is already ordered in the vote for said three hundred pounds. The vote being called for past in the affirmative

Isaac Popper Town Clerk for this day

4th proposed at the above a meeting viz June 28th 1719: in order to be voted that both the meeting house and ministers shall here by be included and determined by said Town to be built at the Northwardly part of the Town Southward from Blackfish Creek pursuant to

(58)
Said Town vote on Record be by the Committee or under-
takers thereof Respectively built and finished in the year 1720
and that the three hundred and sixty pounds for building a meet-
ing house and the hundred and forty pounds for building of said
ministers house be by the assessors raised pursuant to the votes
of said Town & paid in to the Treasurer of sd Town one half thereof
at or before the fifteenth day of April next in y^e year 1720
and the other half thereof at or before the 15th day of October
1720: to be again delivered out to y^e respective Committees for y^e
ends above sd. The vote being called for by the moderator fifty one vo-
ted in the affirmative and ten in the negative

Transcribed from the original script
Bene Popper Clerk for this day

pr John Paine Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 12th day of October
annodm: 1719 warned to chuse Jurymen to serve on the
Jury of Tryals on the 3^d Tuesday of October current the Town
then assembled made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman for a
moderator for sd meeting
and at sd meeting the Town made choice of Nathanael
Freeman the son of Nathanael Freeman Esqr and
Mr Cornelius Kniswell to serve on the Jury of Tryals at
the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and Court of
General Sessions of the peace -

At a Town meeting in Eastham on y^e 13th day of January annodm: 1719/20
orderly warned and met to chuse Jurors to serve on the Jury of Tryals for
the next Court of Common pleas to be holden at Barnstable at sd meeting the Town
made choice of Capt John Kniswell for a moderator for sd meeting and at the
sd meeting the Town by a major vote made choice of Mr Joshua Higgins and Mr John
Kniswell Jun^r to serve on the Jury of Tryals at above sd
At the above sd Town meeting viz: January y^e 13th 1719/20 The Town made choice
of Capt Samuel Freeman and John Paine in the Towns behalf to audit and
the accounts betwixt The Town and Mr Isaac Cole and Mr John Freeman in
respect to y^e their receipts and disbursement as agents for the Town in building the
meeting house at the southerly end of y^e Town and altho with Mr Samuel Maye and
Jonathan Higgins said with respect to y^e building Mr Coleman kept and
make a true representation to y^e Town at the next convenient Town meeting proper
therefor.

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 27th day of February annodm: 1719/20 duly
warned and met the Town made choice of ~~Samuel Freeman~~ Joseph Gould Esqr for
a moderator for sd meeting

At the sd meeting the question was proposed by the moderator whether the
Town would give liberty to Edward Kniswell and Daniel Cole to let the meeting house
at the southeast corner of y^e ministerial land and the vote passed in the negative

March 21 1792 (59)

At a Town meeting in Wethersham orderly warned and met to choose Town officers for the year ensuing, the Town at its meeting made choice of Joseph Doane Junr for moderator for its meeting

At the above its meeting the Town made choice of officers for the following year as followeth: viz: for Town Clerk John Paine

for Selectmen

Edward Knowles
Jonathan Young
Hiram Doane

Isaac Popper
Nicholas Snow

Capt Saml Hiramson
Jonathan Higgins Junr
Saml Mayo
Daniel Cole
Jabez Snow

for men to have negative vote in disposing of land within the Tams

for Const

At the above its meeting it was proposed by the Moderator whether it was the minds of the Town to choose three Constables for the following year and the vote passed in the affirmative

for Constables

Richard Sparrow
John Mulford
Benjamin Young

for Tithing men

Shonzer Snow
Samuel Higgins

Town Treasurer and Town Clerk

John Paine

for Overseers

John Sparrow
Samuel Doane
Elisha Eldridge Junr
John Smith
Joseph Higgins

for Surveyors of highways

Jonathan Linnell
Jabez Snow
Elisha Eldridge

for persons to see to the observation of the law relating to Justice

Hiram Cole Junr
Joseph Smith
Thomas Hiramson

for pound keeper Jeremiah Smith Junr

for Granjurymen the Town made choice at the above its meeting (viz March 23rd 1792)

Ralph Smith
David Doane

at a town meeting in Eastham on the 23rd day of march 1719/20 the Town made choice of Isaac Doane and Israel Cole two to serve on the jury of Tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and General Sessions of ye peace to be holden at Barnstable

Burying ground
At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 23rd day of march 1719/20 it was proposed by the moderator whether the Town did allow and approve of a parcel of land which lies on the westerly end of the South meeting-house in Eastham between the meeting house and the land of John Paine and not any way intervening on the highway to be reserved for a burying place to bury persons in as there shall be occasion, and the vote being called for by the moderator it passed in the affirmative

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the ninth day of may anno domini 1720 warrant to make choice of a person to serve the Town as their Representative at the Great and General Court to be holden for his majesties service at the Court house in Boston on the twentyfifth day of may current and at the meeting the Town by the major part of the votes then present made choice of Mr Samuel Knowles to serve for and represent them at the Great & General Court to be Convened hold and kept at the Court house in Boston on the twentyfifth day of may current at ~~the rate of~~ ^{one shilling} per day and the Town then voted to give him ~~one~~ ^{one shilling} per day more than the law now allows so as to make up his wages five shillings per day

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met, on the thirteenth day of may anno domini 1720. Joseph Doane being by the major vote of the legal voters then present chosen moderator for the meeting, at the meeting it was voted that the Town do make choice of a committee to treat with the potanomoket people (who are by the General Court set off from their with Town and annexed to the Town of Eastham in all matters relating to ye worship of God) to see what may be done in order to compose and appease the uncomfortable difference which may happen to arise with reference to that matter and to make report of what they do in that matter to ye Town at the next proper Town meeting and accordingly the Town then made choice of Joseph Doane Esq^r and Mr John Sparrow to treat with the said potanomoket people as above voted

29 At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 14th day of may anno domini 1720. Capt Samuel Freeman and John Paine who were appointed by the Town to audit and adjust the accounts of Mr Israel Cole and Mr John Sparrow relating to their receipts and disbursements ~~and to see what they had done~~ ^{and to see what they had done} and examined the accounts and finds that upon a just balance of all accounts there remains nine pounds eleven shillings and eight pence which they delivered to the Town Treasurer and it being put to ye vote by the moderator whether the Town did allow of the account it passed in the affirmative and also at ye meeting the Mr Samuel Freeman and John Paine brought in an account to ye Town that upon examination of the accounts of Mr Samuel Mays and Mr Jonathan Higginson relating to ye building Mr Osburns house ~~and~~ ^{finds} that there is (upon a just balance) three pounds and three pence remaining of the money voted that the Town do accept of the account and that the Town do discharge the Mr Israel Cole and John Sparrow and also the Mr Samuel Mays and Jonathan Higginson and they are thereby discharged from being any further accountable relating to ye premises

God save our precious money at Sparrow

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the Twentieth Day of May anno
Domini: 1720: whereas it is granted by ye Town that there should be allow
ed three hundred and sixty pounds. to build a meeting house in the southerly
part of ye Town of Eastham and also one hundred and twenty pounds to build
a house for Mr Osburn, and also three hundred and sixty pounds to build a house
in the northerly or middle part of the Town and one hundred and twenty pounds
to build a house for Mr Webb, and whereas upon the building of a meeting
house in the southerly part of ye Town and Mr Osburns house there remains
[all charges heretofore paid twelve pounds eleven shillings and eleven pence &
it may be supposed there may be something left of the £ money which is
allowed for the building the meeting-house and the Mr Osburns house in ye mid
dle part of ye Town. it was therefore at the above sd meeting proposed in or
der to be voted that what money is or shall be left and remains of the do
ing and finishing of sd buildings respectively shall be judiciously appropria
ted to ye use and benefit of that part of the Town of Eastham who properly be
long to and attend the worship of God in that meeting house and may be dis
posed of by them respectively to any publick or pious use as the major part
of either of sd societies at an ordinary meeting shall order and direct. this be
ing proposed by the moderator and the vote by him called for it passed in
the affirmative.

at the above sd Town meeting: viz: May ye 14th 1720: Mr Samuel Knowles
making demand of money due to him from ye Town for service done by him
did then propose that if the Town will allow him to be paid thirty shillings
for what service he hath heretofore done for ye Town he will take up
satisfied therewith

at ye above sd meeting: viz: May ye 14th 1720 voted that there be allowed
and paid to Joseph Doane Esq^r and Thomas Doane fifteen shillings each
for three days service which they served the Town as their agents when the
Committee came down to settle matters relating to our meeting house as may be
seen on record

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the twentieth Day
of June anno Domini: 1720 orderly warned and met and
upon ye notice in and by sd warning given, that it was to choose
a person to serve as representative at the great and gener
al Court to hear the report of the Committee appointed
by the Town at ye last Town meeting to treat with the
potanomokut neighbours and to do what may be judged pro
per thereon, and to choose Jurymen to serve on the Jury
of yeolds at the next inferior Court of Common pleas
and General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Parry
table. and at sd meeting the Town made choice of
Nathaniel Freeman Esq^r for an arbitrator for sd meeting
and at sd meeting the Town made choice of Mr Samuel
Knowles to serve for and represent them at the Great &
and General Court at Boston

on the 24th Day of May 1720: Wth John Sparrow and Joseph Doane
committees for the Town of Eastham pursuant to a vote to us committed by said
Town, did discourse the potanomokut neighbourhood at the house of Mr Nathaniel
Freeman in Norwich to the effect that said neighbourhood would pay towards the building the
meeting-house and the Rev^d Mr Samuel Osburns house in the South part of
Eastham in the year 1719: and after some being discoursed John yeatts Judah

Clerks of the Court of Sessions

Regors Nathaniel Gould Samuel Mayo and Stephen Cole do agree and conclude to pay or give in to ye use of said Town of Eastham to much a price (over and above their proportions otherwise) some time the ensuing year as each one of them were rated to pay to sd Town in the last Town rate in said Eastham, provided they may be lovingly accepted and peace may be continued between them and said Town, said persons have accordingly herunto subscribed their names the day and year above written at the above said time John Regors did declare that upon the above ~~and~~ ~~and~~ considerations he would pay or give in to ye use of sd Town the sum of one pound and fifteen shillings and hath herunto accordingly subscribed his Name

from the persons above ~~above~~ named the return of us sd Committee Joseph Doane
John Sparrow

John Yeats
Judith Rogers
Nathaniel Gould
Samuel Mayo
Stephen Cole
John Regors

at the above sd Town meeting viz June y^e 20th 1720 the abovescribed return of the above named Committee was publicly read and it being proposed by the moderator whether the Town were willing upon the considerations above said, peaceably and lovingly to accept of the said above named persons to join with them according to the order of the General Court and also to accept of John Hurd Jun^r and the vote passed in the affirmative

The above said return of sd Committee is truly transcribed from the original script by them given in to ye Town at sd meeting and the Towns vote thereon faithfully recorded
pr John Paine Town Clerk

at the above sd meeting (viz) June y^e 20th 1720: the Town made choice of Mr Joseph Morrish and Micaiah Snow to serve on y^e Jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court at Barnstable

and at the said meeting the Town appointed Mr Isaac Popper and Mr Samuel Mayo to be a committee in the Towns behalf to account with John Paine as Town Treasurer concerning his receipts and disbursements relating therunto and to make return to the Town of their doings thereon at their next orderly meeting

at a Town meeting in Eastham duly warned and met on the tenth day of August anno domini: 1720: and notice in and by sd warning given that it was to take for the granting and raising money to defray the necessary charges arising within the same and at sd meeting the Town made choice of Capt Thomas Spooner for a moderator for sd meeting
at ye above sd meeting: viz: August y^e tenth anno domini: 1720: the Town or body granted and voted that the sum of three hundred pounds be by the Town or body assessed on the poll and estates of the Town of Eastham according as the law direct to be collected and paid in to ye Town Treasurer that it to say two hundred pounds on or before the last day of November next and the other hundred pounds on or before the last day of April next which sd money is to pay the two ministers salaries: viz: Mr. Tilden and Mr. Webb for the paying y^e charges of y^e School and said sum as shall be set on y^e Town for y^e defraying y^e County charges and other necessary charges arising within sd Town

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At a Town meeting in Eastham warned by the Constables to choose men at the Superior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions at Barnstable and also notification in and by a warning given for the town at a meeting to do what may be proper to be done relating to an action of trespass commenced by John Atwood of Eastham with Benjamin Sweet of Eastham for cutting and carrying of grass or hay from upweald of meadow lying at Little Bithingsgate which said meadow was primarily allotted to William Cole in the division of meadows in Eastham and from him legally derived to Benjamin Sweet whether to defend the title thereof or otherwise to compound with said Atwood and at said meeting the town made choice of Joseph Deane Esq for moderator for the day and at said meeting the town made choice of Benjamin Cooke and John Atwood to serve on the jury as a foreman

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 16th day of February an no Domini 1720th, the Town made choice of Capt John Knowlton and Jonathan Linnell to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and general Sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable on the third Tuesday in February

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 22nd day of March anno Domini 1720th being orderly warned and met on ~~Wednesday the 22nd day of March~~ on said day and notice then given in and by a warning that it was to be a ~~choice~~ Town officers for the ensuing year and also to do what may be proper to be done with reference to taking the old meeting house. At said meeting the town being assembled towards choice of Mr Isaac Popper for moderator for said meeting and at said meeting the town made choice for Town officers of the men respectively for Town officers as they are hereafter set down
To wit: for selectmen Mr Samuel Mayo Mr Israel Deane Mr Isaac Popper Mr Edward Knowles & Mr Jonathan Young

For men to have a negative vote in disposing of lands within of Town Capt John Knowlton Mr Jonathan Higgins and Mr Samuel Mayo Mr Daniel Cole and Mr Jabez Know

For Town Clerk John Paine.

For Constables Mr Micaiah Snow Mr Jabez Snow & Mr Israel Young

For Surveyors of Highways Elisha Edridge Jonathan Linnell & Jabez Snow

For Land Viewers John Sparrow Samuel Deane Elisha Edridge and John Smith and Joseph Higgins

For Tithingmen Samuel Mayo and James Higgins

For pound Keeper Jeremiah Smith

For Hay-reeves William Smith Jabez Walker & Thomas Linn

For Grand Jurymen Benjamin Higgins and Joseph Rogers

For men to serve on the Jury of tryalls Lion John Cole and James Rogers

For Town Treasurer John Paine

61) At a Town meeting in Eastham on the twenty second day of march anno domini: 1720th it was proposed to the Town by the moderator whether it was their minds to give liberty for swine going at large within the bound of said Town and the vote passed in the affirmative *hinc contra dicente*

voted at ye same meeting above sd voted that Capt John Knowles and Ralph Smith be authorized to account with Mr Daniel Cole and Mr Edward Knowles relating to the trust which was committed to them about building y^e meeting house and Mr Webb's house

also voted that Capt Samuel Freeman Mr Samuel Mayo and Mr John Sparrow be a committee in y^e Towns behalf to let the sd meeting house for y^e Town to y^e best advantage

At a Town and proprietors meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on the 22nd day of march anno domini: 1720th notice being given in. A warning that it was to consider and do what might be proper with respect to Benjamin Sweat against whom John Atwood brought an action at y^e inferior Court of Common-places at Barnstable in October last and recovered Judgment against him for mowing y^e on a parcel of meadow which was allotted to him William Cole in the year 1703 and from him legally derived to John Sweat the reputed father of sd Benjamin Sweat: whereby the sd Sweat is likely to lose the greatest part of sd meadow that he the sd Sweat may be indemnified. Mr Isaac Popper being chosen moderator at said meeting. Voted that Mr John Sparrow & Mr Jonathan Linnod be and Roderick are authorized to be a committee in behalf of the Town and proprietors of sd Town to lay out to y^e right and proper heirs of y^e said John Sweat deceased so much meadow in y^e some proper and suitable place of the undivided meadows in Eastham as may make the sd Sweat or his heirs a reasonable compensation and satisfaction for the meadow. sd John Atwood hath recovered from him the sd Sweat with his proper charges excepted there about and that that the sd Committee make return to the Clerk of the Town and properly the situation and boundaries of the meadow they do lay out who is here by authorized and directed to commit the same to record.

Entered per John Paine Town and proprietors Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the fifteenth day of may anno domini: 1721 orderly warned and met and notice given in and by sd warning that it was to choose and depute a most person to serve for and represent them at the great and General Court to be held at the Courthouse in Boston and also to consider what the Town would do with respect to the granting liberty for swine going at large on y^e common agreeable to y^e liberty allowed by law. And at sd meeting the Town made choice of Mr Samuel Knowles for moderator for sd meeting and at y^e above sd meeting it was proposed whether it was the minds of y^e Town to grant liberty for swine to go at large within the Township of Eastham agreeable to what is in and by y^e law in that case made and provided and y^e vote being called for by the moderator it passed in the affirmative

31 And at the above said meeting viz may ye 15th 1721 the freemen and other qualified voters (by the major part of the votes) of Mr Samuel Knowles for being representative to serve at the Great and General Court at Boston ye and also voted to allow him five shillings pr. day with what is allowed him by law for that service

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the fifteenth day of may anno domini 1721 warned to choose and depute a person to serve y^e sd Town as their representative at the General Court at Boston ye. there was then and there brought in and read a petition paper or small book directed to the province of the Massachusetts Bay by some persons concerned for the good of the whole and the vote being asked by the moderator whether the Town (then assembled) did con- cur with the propositions or proposals mentioned in sd paper or books and it passed in the affirmative there being seven and forty votes there present five and forty for the affirmative and two for the negative

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the nineteenth day of June anno domini 1721 orderly warning and mot and notice in and by swearing given that it was to chuse two good and lawfull men to serve on the jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable on the first Tuesday in July, and to consider and do what may be proper in order to laying out a high-way through sd Town to two bounds from the head of Harwichakott and also to do what may be proper relating to the linggats petition for to be lett off for a precinct and at sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Boardman for moderator for sd meeting

and at sd meeting the Town made choice of Mr Samuel Denny and Mr Joseph Cole to serve on the jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable at the next inferior on the first Tuesday in July

at the above sd Town meeting: viz: June ye 19th 1721 it was voted granted and allowed by the Town then met, that the way which now goes through sd Town of Eastham from the bounds of Harwich by Lieut Nicholas Snows to the bounds of two on the north part of the Town of Eastham alittle to the northward of the house of Ebenezer Freeman. is and shall be allowed to be the Kings High-way and Common Road through the town of Eastham which sd way begins at Harwich bounds near the house of Nicholas Snow above said so from thence along the common travelling way northward along by the house of Mr Samuel Knowles Junr and so in the common known way passing by the house of Ensign Joseph Snowrick so along the Common Road turning to the left hand at the house of land and house of Joseph Atwood passing along by the house of Samuel Freeman Junr and so by the New meeting house and so along in the common known roadway to the head of Palmer fish creek thence turning alittle to the left hand passing along by the house of Eliza Edwidge Junr and so along to the flowing river or brook and so over the brook and along in the way which leads to two (and goes round the head of Palmer river) untill it comes to the bounds of the Town of two the sd way to be forty foot wide the whole length through the Town from y^e south to y^e north

At a Town meeting in Eastham on y^e 2nd day of August anno domini 1721 warned to make choice of a representative to serve at the great and General Court at Boston and also notice being given in swearing for the Town to do what might be thought proper with respect to Billingsgates persons petition for a Township and also to do what may be proper with respect to y^e orderly cutting the undivided meadows and at sd meeting being orderly warned and met the Town made choice of Nathaniel Freeman Esqr for moderator for sd meeting

and at this sd meeting the Town made choice of Mr Samuel Knowles to serve for and represent them at the Great and General Court at Boston who being present declared his non acceptance

66) at the above ^{meeting} Nathaniel Freeman Esq^r who was chosen moderator for the ^{meeting} but being under necessity to depart the Town made choice of Mr Jonathan Linnell to supply his place for the ^{meeting} and at the same meeting the Town made choice of Mr Joshua Higgins to serve for and represent them at the general Court at Boston who being present declared his non acceptance and at the same meeting viz August 2nd 1721 the Town provided and made choice of Mr Isaac Popper to serve for and represent them at the great and general Court at Boston who being present accepted and the Town voted to make up his wages five shillings per diem

At the above ^{meeting} it was proposed by the moderator whether the Town were willing to take in Billingsgate Society so as to make three parishes or parishes and maintain the minister in equal proportion and the vote passed in the negative

It was at the ^{meeting} also further proposed by the moderator whether the Town were willing to let off Billingsgate Society to be annexed to the second Parish as far as Indian Brook and the vote passed in the negative

At the above said meeting viz August 2nd 1721 it was proposed whether the Town is willing and so allow the neighbourhood at the great rock in Eastham to shut up the way which goes over the slope to as only to pass by gates or Barres provided they allow and keep upon way of thirty foot wide through the land of Benjamin Cooke and others to go in near the house of John Withers and so to pass northward until it comes out into the roadway on the northern side of ye Brook which comes out of ye great pond and the vote being asked passing affirmatively

At the above said meeting August 2nd 1721 voted and agreed that no person or persons cut any of the common or undivided meadows in Eastham until before or until ye twenty second day of August current

At a Town-meeting in Eastham warned to take care and give order for the raising money to defray the necessary charges of the Town and their proportion to a County rate or assessment at the ^{meeting} (which was on the 7th day of September anno domini 1721) the Town made choice of Joseph Goane Esq^r for moderator for the ^{meeting} and at the ^{meeting} it was agreed and voted that the selectmen do forthwith assess the rateable inhabitants of the Town of Eastham on their polls and estates as the law directs the sum of three hundred pounds and give order for the collecting and paying in the same two one half on or before the fifteenth day of November next ensuing and the other half on or before the last day of April next coming which is three hundred pounds for the paying and discharging the minister's salaries for paying the Schoolmasters and defraying and paying the Town's proportion to a County assessment and for the paying and discharging other necessary charges arising within said Town

At a Townmeeting in Eastham orderly warned and notwithstanding being to elect a representative to represent the Town at the great and general Court at Boston &c at the ^{meeting} the Town made choice of John Davis to serve for and represent them at the great and general Court who being present accepted and the Town then voted to allow John Davis one shilling per day more than ye law allows &c as to make up his wages five shillings per diem

67) At a town meeting in Eastham ^{on the 24 day of September 1721} orderly warned and met to consider and do what may be judged proper with reference to the Towns proportion of the fifty thousand pounds granted by the General Court to be distributed to the several Towns in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay &c. At the meeting the Town made choice of Mr Samuel Knowles for a moderator at the meeting.

And at the meeting it was proposed by the moderator whether it was the mind of the Town to take their proportion of the fifty thousand pounds granted by the General Court at their session in March 1720 to be distributed to the respective Towns with in this Province of the Massachusetts Bay as the act of the General Court directs and the vote passed in the affirmative and it was also at the meeting voted to choose but three commissioners or trustees to receive the Towns proportion of the money.

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the twenty ^{seventh} day of September anno domini 1721: orderly warned and met for the purpose the Town made choice of Joseph Deane Esq^r Capt Samuel Freeman and Nathaniel Freeman Esq^r for trustees for the Town to receive the Towns proportion of the fifty thousand pounds in Bills of Credit ordered by the General Court or assembly of his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay &c in the seventh year of his Majesties Reign to be emitted and distributed to the respective Towns as in and by the act of the General Court is ordered which the trustees when they have received the Bills of Credit are to dispose of the same in such manner as they shall receive direction from the Town pursuant to the said Court act.

And at the above meeting the Town voted that the said trustees shall be paid by the Town six pence per pound for all the money they let out agreeable to the Towns instructions and six pence per pound for all they receive in after it is so let out and it was also further voted at the meeting that the Town is willing that the said trustees shall lend for the money by mortgage or to be brought down by water if they see cause. It was also voted at the Town meeting that the said money shall be let out at five per cent interest ^{per annum} and no more.

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on the third day the twelfth day of October anno domini 1721 and notice in and by the warning given that it was to chuse Jurymen to serve on the Jury of try all at the next inferior Court of common pleas and General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable on the first Tuesday in October and to do what is proper further to be done with relation to the Towns proportion of the fifty thousand pounds ordered to be emitted and distributed to the respective Towns. and at the meeting the Town made choice of Mr Samuel Mayo for moderator for the meeting and at the meeting the Town made choice of Ensign Joseph Morvick and Joseph Higgins Jun^r to serve on the Jury of Tryall at Barnstable according to order of Court.

And at the above Town meeting viz October 12th 1721: it was voted that when the trustees who were chosen by the Town at a Town meeting on the twenty seventh day of September last past to receive the Towns proportion of the fifty thousand pounds in Bills of Credit which was granted to be emitted and distributed to the respective Towns

accept proportion of 50,000
Bill of 6. to be given commissioners

(68) when they shall receive the Town proportion of 20 Bills of credit they shall let it out at five per cent per annum and no more up on good security either Real or personall unto such persons only as in the sound Judgment of the 20 Trustees and responsible persons or with responsible Involves if let on personall security and if on real or land so security then on valuable and clear Estates and not to let out above thirty pounds to any one person until they receive further order from the Town regularly assembled at an orderly Town meeting

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on Wednesday the 21st day of January 1721. to make choice of two men to serve on the Jury of tryalls at Barnstable 22 and also at 23 meeting to do what may be judged proper in order to making due satisfaction to Mr Isaac Popper for his trouble in bringing from Boston the Town proportion of the fifty thousand pounds granted by the General Court at 24 meeting the Town made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman for a moderator for 25 meeting and at 26 meeting the Town made choice of Mr Joseph Smith and Mr Joseph Addins to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of ye peace to be holden at Barnstable and at the 27 meeting it was proposed by the moderator to allow Mr Isaac Popper fifty shillings for his trouble and care in bringing from Boston the Town proportion of ye fifty thousand pounds granted by ye General Court which 28 fifty shillings of Trustes was hereby given to pay to Mr Popper out of 29 Towns money in below hand and the vote passed in the affirmative

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the twenty sixth day of March 1722. orderly warned and met and notice in and by 30 warning given that it was to choose Town officers for the following year as also to make choice of four men two to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and general Sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable 31 and 32 other two to serve on the Jury of tryalls for the following year. and at 33 meeting the Town made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman for moderator

And at the above 34 Town meeting the Town made choice for Town officers as followeth: Viz: for Selectmen Mr Samuel Mayo Mr Samuel Knowles Junr Mr Edward Knowles Mr Isaac Popper and Mr Jonathan Young

for men to have a negative vote in disposing of land within the Town Capt Samuel Freeman Mr Samuel Mayo Mr Daniel Cole Mr Jonathan Higgin & Mr John Snow

for Constables Israel Cole and John Smith & John Richy
for Surveyors of Highways Mr Samuel Knowles William Weather and Joseph Atkins

33 for fence viewers Jonathan Timolt Joseph Atwood & John Atwood

for Wharfmongers Benjamin Snow and Elizer Atwood

for Grandjurymen Isaac Deane & George Lewis

To serve on ye Jury of tryalls Thomas Bacon & Ralph Smith
for Assessors Nathaniel Rogers Benjamin Hamlin & Richard

for pond Repor Jeremiah Smith and

for Town Clerk John Davis

for Town Treasurer John Davis

69 At a town-meeting in Eastham on the twenty sixth day of march 1722 on consideration of the low circumstances of Richard Cooke voted that sd Richard Cooke rates former as is belinde with no form mulford and his rates with labor snow be abated him —

At the same meeting the town made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman and Mr Nicholas Snow to account with John Paine concerning his receipts and disbursements as town Treasurer —

At a town-meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on Thursday the twentieth day of may annodominii: 1722: and notification given in and by sd warning that it was the choice and desire of a person to serve as representative for sd town at the great and general Court at Boston, and also to do what may be proper in giving order or allowances to such persons who undertake to fence the flats and ledground on the western sea shore in sd town to shut up the lanes and private ways which lead down to sd shore —

and at sd meeting the town made choice of Joseph Stone Esqr for moderator for sd meeting —

and at the above sd meeting the town made choice of Mr Isaac Pepper to serve as their Representative at the sd Great and General Court who being present —

Whereas the proprietors of the undivided meadows flats and ledground in Eastham did at a meeting of sd proprietors on the twenty ninth day of march annodominii: 1722: grant liberty to fence in the western sea shore so as to fence it from houses, root, cattle &c: from feeding or grazing thereon for the space of seven years and so several persons have since become obliged to do so But whereas to fence sd sea shore it is necessary that the lanes or private ways which lead down to sd sea shore from Great Namshakett to sd grassvine Swamp commonly so called be shut up, it is therefore granted and voted by the town at the above sd town meeting viz: may the 17th 1722: That the sd persons who are obliged to fence sd sea shore as above sd shall have free liberty during sd term: and liberty is hereby fully granted unto them the sd obliged persons to fence up the lanes and byways which lead down to sd sea shore during the sd term of seven years from Great Namshakett to sd grassvine Swamp only they are hereby obliged to set up and maintain during sd term suitable and convenient gates or bars at all such places as there is or shall be necessary a caution for people to pass or repass conveniently upon sd occasions —

At a town-meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on Wednesday the first day of august annodominii: 1722: and notice in and by sd warning given that it was the desire of the town to consider and do what may be proper for sd raising money for sd defraying town and county charges: as also what may be proper in reference to a petition which John Dole Esqr had exhibited to sd General Court for a Township as far as Indian Brook and also to appoint some persons to repair such lots of widow as are spoiled with sd sand and at sd meeting the town made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman for moderator for said meeting —

and at the above sd meeting the town ordered and voted that the selectmen do forthwith assess the rateable inhabitants of the town of Eastham and others (as ordered by the General Court) on their polls and estates the sum of three hundred pounds and give order to sd selectmen to collect and pay in the same the one moiety or before the last day of November next and the other half one or before the last day of April next ensuing the date hereof which sd money is to be improved for the paying and discharging the two ministers salaries the charges of sd school the wages of the Towns Representatives as sd General Court the towns proportion of the County Rate for the purchase and other necessary charges arising within sd town —

70) att a town meeting in Eastham on the first day of August 1922
The town being ^{and Mr. [illegible]} ~~larded~~ with a copious of a petition presented to ye General
Court by John Dacine ^{and Mr. [illegible]} praying for ~~to be~~ ^{to be} let off for exonerat as
far as Indian Brook see it was at ~~the~~ ^{the} meeting proposed ~~or~~ ^{or} a moderator who
thor the town would chose an agent to introw to ~~the~~ ^{the} petition at ~~the~~ ^{the} General
Court and the vote passed in the affirmative and accordingly the town
at ~~the~~ ^{the} meeting made choice of Mr John Paine as their agent to appear
for ~~the~~ ^{the} town at the Great and General Court to say in ~~the~~ ^{the} Town of East
ham ~~behalf~~ ^{behalf} why they think ~~it unreasonable~~ ^{it unreasonable} that a prayer of ~~the~~ ^{the} peti-
tion ~~should~~ ^{should} be granted or to say or do what may be proper in ~~the~~ ^{the}
town ~~behalf~~ ^{behalf} with yor loving flourants and to improve an attorney if
he shall see cause to assist him in y^e promises

Whereas several persons complain that their lots of meadow which were laid out in the year 1703: are lost and spoiled by the sea or lands breaching in upon them and therefore desire their sd lots may be amended pursuant to a vote of the Town in the year when the meadows were laid out it was therefore voted by the Town at a Town meeting on the first day of August anno domini 1722: That Capt John Knowles Mr Jonathan Simons and Mr Ralph Smith be a Committee to view the lots and where they are really lost so as to be proper to be amended by virtue of sd vote taken to lay out to them meadow to make up their lots proportionably to what is meadow reserved for that end will add out and to be done at the charge of them that have their lots amended

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At a town meeting in Eastham orderly convened and made on Monday
31st of December 1712. Joseph Doane Elder being chosen moderator the Town
elects Daniel Cole and Mr Richard Sparrow to serve on ye jury of to witte at
the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and General Sessions of ye peace to be held
Don at Barnstable on the third Tuesday in January next.

At a town meeting in Eastham on the twenty fourth day of March anno
Domini: 1923 weaned to choose Town officers for the following year as also to elect
and Depute two men to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next inferior Court
of common pleas be at Barnstable as also to elect and Depute two men to serve
on the Grand Jury for the following year at the 2d meeting the Town then chose
34 of Mr Joseph Merwick for moderator for 2d meeting

At a meeting the town made choice of Mr Edward Lewis and Daniel Smith - to serve on the Grand Jury for the following year and to serve on the Jury of trials at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas the town made choice of Robert Young and Joseph Smith

and for ^{officers} for the ensuing year the town made choice as follows
 viz: for town clerk John Paine: for town treasurer John Paine.
 for select men Mr Samuel Mayo capt. Samuel Freeman Mr Isaac Popper Mr Lu
 muel Knowlton Jun^r & Mr Samuel Brown.

for Constables Ralph Smith Isaac Higgins & David Cole
for free viewers Mr Jonathan Linnell & Mr Abner Wood
for order to have a negative vote in disposing of land Capt Samuel Burr
man Mr Daniel Cole Mr Samuel May Mr Jonathan Higgins and Mr John Burr

for Surveyors of y^e highways, Mr Daniel Cole John Witherell and Samuel Mayo Jun^r for pound. Keeper Jeremiah Smith Jun^r for Highway. David Young Jonathan Cole & William Lewis

at the above sd meeting it was proposed whether it was the mind of the Town to allow Swine to go at large (being yeared and ringed according to law) for this present year and the vote being called by y^e moderator it passed in the affirmative

for tithingmen the Town at y^e above sd meeting made choice of Mr Samuel Doane and John Atwood

at the above sd Town meeting viz: march y^e 24th 1723 voted that the select men take all speedy and effectual care to provide a school master for the town according to law

at the above sd Town meeting viz: march y^e 24th voted that Mr Samuel Knowlton John Paine & Mr Isaac Poppo do wait upon the Committee (appointed by the General Court in answer to ~~the~~ the petition of John Doane Esq^r and Mr Isaac Baker referring to Billingsgates being set off) when they shall come down about sd business, and in y^e Town behalf to lay before them and the true Citizens

Stances of y^e Town at y^e Town meeting above sd voted that Richard Cooke Town vote for y^e year 1722 and what John Hurd is behind of his vote with the late Constable viz Richard Sparrow and Micaiah Snow shall be abated and the Town Treasurer is hereby ordered to allow the same with the respective Constables

at the above sd Town meeting viz: march y^e 24th 1723 John Paine laid before the Town the charges of his two journeyes to Boston in the Towns Service which amounted to eight pounds eight shillings and three pence in y^e whole and the vote being called by the moderator whether they allowed sd charges and it passed in the affirmative

at the above sd meeting viz: march y^e 24th 1723 it was proposed to y^e Town by y^e moderator whether it were the mind of y^e Town that Swine should go at large on y^e Common in Eastham for the following year being yeared and ringed according to y^e Direct of y^e Law & the vote being called by y^e moderator it passed in the affirmative

At a Town meeting in Eastham warned and met on the 14th day of May anno domini 1723: and warning given that it was to elect and depose a more person to represent y^e Town at the General Court at Boston & at sd meeting Joseph Dennis Esq^r was chosen moderator

and at sd meeting the Town by the major part of the qualified voters made choice of Mr Samuel Knowlton — to serve for and represent them at the great and General Court in Boston pursuant to warrant from y^e Sheriff of y^e County of Barnstable voted that this meeting be adjourned to y^e house of common Joseph Knowlton and accordingly it was adjourned to sd house and there met the same day where Mr Knowlton being present declared his acceptance provided the Town would allow him one shilling aday more than the law has allowed viz: five shilling per day in y^e whole which being proposed to the Town whether they would make him that allowance and it passed in y^e affirmative

at a Town meeting in Eastham on y^e 26 day of June anno domini 1723 Mr John Cole Jun^r — being chosen moderator the town made choice (to serve on the jury of Tryall at the Court of common pleas and General sessions of y^e peace to be holden at Barnstable on y^e first Tuesday in July next) of Capt^r H Knowlton Mr Joshua Hopkins and Isaac Atwood

72) At a Townmeeting in Eastham orderly warned and writ on running given that it was for the Town to do what was proper in order to the raising money to defray and pay the two ministers salary and to pay of County charges and other necessary Town charges as school-master fees at 2d meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Deane & John for moderator for 2d meeting and at 2d meeting the Town ordered and voted that the selectmen do forthwith assess the value of the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham and others (as ordered by the General Court) on their polls and estates (as the law directs) the sum of three hundred pounds and give order to ye respective Constables of 2d Town to collect and pay in ye same to ye Town Treasurer on or before the 1st of November next and the other half on or before the 1st day of April next coming which 2d money is to be improved for the paying and discharging the two settled ministers salaries according to Town agreement the Towns proportion of the County rate which is or shall be set on them for this year, and for the paying for Schol. Repre. sentatives and other necessary Town charges,

At a Townmeeting in Eastham warned to choose Jurymen for ye following Court and met on ye 24th day of October anno domini: 1723: at 2d meeting Mr Ralph Smith was chosen moderator for 2d meeting and at 2d meeting the Town then assembled made choice of Mr Joseph Murrish John Paine & Jhuat Cole to serve on ye Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and General Sessions of ye peace to be holden at Barnstable

At a Townmeeting in Eastham on the fiftieth day of January anno domini: 1723, warned to elect and depuise three men to serve on ye Jury of Tryalls at ye next Inferior Court of Common pleas. Being orderly warned and met. The Town made choice of Nathaniel Freeman Esq for moderator for 2d meeting and at 2d meeting the Town did elect and depuise Mr John Sparrow Mr John Maltford and Joshua Brown to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and general Sessions of ye peace to be holden at Barnstable within and for D County of Barnstable on the 2nd Tuesday of the January

At a Townmeeting in Eastham on the ninth day of March anno domini: 1725, being orderly warned and met and notice in writ by ye warning given that it was to choose Town officers for ye following year as the law directs. as also and to what may be judged proper to prevent the disorderly driving of troops at the rising time as also to consider and do what may be proper in order to the settling or running the range betwixt the land of William Brown and the Town or proprietors of 2d Town. At 2d meeting the Town made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman for moderator for 2d meeting

and at the above 2d Townmeeting the Town voted to choose three selectmen for the following year - and accordingly the Town made choice of for selectmen Mr Edward Knowles Mr Michael Snow and Mr Jonathan young

For Town Clerk the Town made choice of - John Paine
For Town Treasurer the Town made choice of - John Paine

For constables the Town made choice of Timothy Cole George Brown & Samuel Smith

for men to have advocative vote in disposing of land Capt Saml Freeman
Daniel Cole Samuel Mays Deacon Jonathan Higgins & Jabez Snow

for surveyors of the highways Jonathan Linnell Esq & Higgins & Jhuat young

For fence viewers Joseph Cole William Walker & John Atwood

For pound keeper the Town made choice of Jeremiah Smith Junr

For Highways Robert young & Thomas Thatcher

73) At the 1st town meeting mentioned on the other side viz march the ninth 1723/4 the town voted that Capt Samuel Freeman and Joseph Doane & John should account with John Paine as town treasurer on the town behalf
At the same meeting the town voted to adjourn this town meeting to the 30th day of the instant march at ten of ye clock forenoon

At a town meeting in Eastham adjourned from march 9th 1723/4 to march 30th following. and notice given that it was for the town to consider and do what may be judged proper in order to prevent the disorderly driving of sheep at shearing times annually as also to do what may be proper referring to swine going at large as also to do what may be proper in order to the destroying of Blackbirds. and a meeting was warned this day to choose grandjurymen and petty Jurymen. At 2nd meeting the town made choice of Mr David Knocall for moderator for 2nd meeting

At 2nd meeting the town made choice of, for grandjurymen Thomas Goff for Billingsgate precinct, for Eastham town, John Taylor and Theophilus Mayo
and for men to serve on the Jury of tryalls Mr Samuel Doane Joshua Higgins and Daniel Mayo

At the above 2nd town meeting viz: march 30th 1724: it was proposed by the moderator whether it was the mind of the town that swine should go at large according to the liberty allowed by law. and the vote called for it passed in the affirmative

At a town meeting in Eastham on the eleventh day of may annodominii: 1724 warned to make choice of a person to serve the town as their Representative at the General Court at Boston ye at 2nd meeting the town by the major part of the votes then present made choice of John Paine to serve in 2nd trade who being proposed accepted and the town voted at the same meeting to allow him one shilling per day for his incumbrment more then is allowed by law

At a town meeting in Eastham on the eleventh day of may annodominii: 1724 voted by the town that the committee who were ordered by the town and Dea Lath and Dispose of the 2nd meeting. should be allowed their reasonable demands for their trouble and that they pay in the remainder of the money (the produce of 2nd meeting. house) to Mr. John Paine town treasurer to be improved for the towns use

At the above 2nd town meeting it was at the request of several neighbours put to vote whether it was the minds of the town that a soldierman should lay out for the use of a way where the land now is between the land of Joseph Doane & John and Mr Theophilus Mayo on a northern side and the land of Mr Jonathan Lath on the South side to lay an open way for the benefit of such as need it wished

At the above said town meeting viz may the eleventh 1724 voted that if a soldierman prefer opposition to ye General Court to pay that the Royalties may not be composed to go about to take care of Swine unless they be complained for or desired by some person or persons to do it

At a town meeting in Eastham on the third day of July annodominii: 1724. orderly warned and met a notice in and by 2nd warning given that it was to take care and order the raising of money on the polls and estates of the rateable inhabitants and dependants of the town of Eastham for the discharging and paying the ministers salary and the County and Towns necessary charges and at 2nd meeting the town made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman for moderator for 2nd meeting

74) all the fore^d Town-meeting viz July 2^d: 1724 The Town ordered & voted that the select men do forthwith call the rateable inhabitants of the Town of Eastham (and others as ordered by the General Court) on their polls and estates the sum of two hundred and eighty pounds and give order to the respective Constables to collect and pay in the same each one their respective proportion to them committed the one moiety on or before the last day of November next and the other moiety on or before the last day of April which will be in the year of our Lord 1725. which sd money is to be improved for the paying the ^{two} ministers salaries the wages of the school master and Representative the Towns proportion of the County rate & shall be levied on them for this year and other necessary Town charges

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on Monday the twelfth day of October anno domini: 1724 and notice by drawing given that it was to chuse Jurymen for the next Court to be holden at Barnstable and at the same time the inhabitants then met made choice of Mr Edward Knowles for moderator for sd meeting. and at sd meeting the Town made choice of George Linn Nathan for sd meeting. and at sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Doane for next inferior Court of common pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Barnstable &c

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the eleventh day of January anno domini: 1724 orderly warned and met and notice in and by drawing given that it was to chuse Jurymen for the next Court & also for the Town to chuse an agent or agents to answer the Towns presentment which was at the Sessions in October last for not having a pound in the next precinct. At sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Doane Esqr for moderator for sd meeting. At sd meeting the Town made choice of Samuel Doane Junr Theophilus Higgins and William Paine to serve at Towns at the next inferior Court at Barnstable

and also at the sd meeting the Town made choice of Mr Jonathan Linnell and William Paine as agents for the Town, they or either of them to answer in the behalf of the Town of Eastham to the Towns presentment at the Sessions in October last for not having a pound in the next precinct

36 At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on the fifteenth day of March anno domini: 1724/5 and notice in and by drawing given that it was to chuse Town officers for the following year according to law as also to chuse three men to serve on the jury of tryalls at the next inferior Court of common pleas and general Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Barnstable &c and to make choice of two men to serve as Grand Jurors for the following year or also to confer and do what may be proper relating to exchanging some land with Mr Samuel Knowles for the convenience of away through some of his land at the head of the Town Cove. And at sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Doane Esqr for moderator for sd meeting

At the above sd Town meeting viz: March 15th the Town made choice for Town Clerk John Paine for Town Treasurer John Paine for Selectmen Mr Isaac Popper Mr Edward Knowles & Mr Nathaniel Paine and whereas by the law of the select men are to be the assessors where no other are chosen and are allowed by law but two shillings p diem it is therefore voted by the Town at the above sd meeting that the selectmen shall be allowed one shilling and disburse way more than the sd two shillings allowed by law for each day which they shall be employed in making the list for assessments

75) At the above meeting: viz. march ye 15th 1724/5
The town made choice for men to have a negative vote in disposing of land
within the limits Capt Jonnuel Freeman m^r Daniel Cole m^r Jonathan Hig-
gins m^r Samuel Mayo & m^r Jabez Snow

- For Constables m^r Samuel Brown and m^r Joseph Rogers & Joseph Atwood
- For Tithingmen George Williamson Daniel Atwood & Eliza Hopkins
- For Surveyors of ye Highwayes Jabez Snow Israel Doane & Joseph Higgins
- For fence viewers William Walker Joseph Cole & John Atwood
- For Highways William Twining & Israel Young
- For pound keeper Jeremiah Smith
- For Jurymen Eliza Young & Christan Romick
- For men to serve on the Jury of tryalls Israel Cole Thomas Margeton
and Jonathan Sparrow

Whereas it is observable that the Black-birds do much damage
within the Town of Eastham both by pulling up the Indian corn in the
spring and also by picking the ears and destroying the corn towards
harvest time Therefore to the intent that persons may be encouraged
to kill and destroy the injurious birds it is agreed and voted by the Town
at a Town meeting in march ye 15th 1724/5 That if any person or persons
shall within the Township of Eastham, at any time from this day to ye
last day of may next coming kill any Blackbirds and bring in their heads
to any one of the select men of this Town they shall be allowed and
paid out of the Town Treasury two shilling for every twelve such heads
which he or they shall so kill and bring in and so proportionally for any
greater or lesser number and in like manner shall be allowed and paid for
any young Blackbirds heads which shall be killed and brought in within
the term being such as may be distinguished from other birds and so also
proportionally for any greater or lesser number

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the fifteenth day of march anno
Domini: 1724/5 at the request of m^r Samuel Knowles, it was voted by ye
Town of Eastham that they are willing and do allow the sd Samuel
Knowles to fence in and enclose the land on the northwestern side of his
field or land which was formerly his Brother John Knowles so far as
ye fence and ditch which did formerly enclose the sd land did formerly
stand and no further provided he the sd Knowles do him self his heirs &
assigns (so long as they keep) the said land enclosed as afore said) allow
a convenient footway for persons at all times to pass over the corner
of his land near the meadow towards the house of m^r Joshua Hopkins
at the easterly corner of his meadow *

At a Town meeting in Eastham in may ye 17th 1725
man or men to represent ye Town at a great and general Court to
be Concorded held and kept at the Court house in Boston on Wednesday ye
26 day of may 1725 and also to consider and do what may be judged
proper relating to ye manning sheep and rams. at the same meeting
the Town made choice of Joseph Doane for a moderator for said
meeting. and at the same meeting the Town (by ye major part of ye
town then present) made choice of m^r John Davis to serve for and repre-
sent them at the great and general Court as above & who being present
accepted, provided the Town would allow him twelve pence per diem above ye
the law: above which was granted and voted by ye Town

70) *Thomas Junior Linkhorn* of Eastham hath been long under diffi-
cult circumstances by reason of Bodily weakness and there being upon
a hopeful prospect that he may obtain a cure by operation at Rowland
if he can be got thither. Voted by the Town of Eastham at a town
meeting in *Eastham* on the seventeenth day of May anno domini 1725
that if the selectmen of Eastham will take care to get him to the said
Thomas Linkhorn to Rowland with necessary materials (according
to direction) for the effecting his cure the Town will take effectual
care to pay ye proper cost thereof and do hereby order and vote that
that there be forthwith paid twelve pounds out of the Town treasury
towards the prosecuting thereof and that the Town will take effectual
care that any further charges thereabout (if any be) shall be paid and
discharged by ye Town when particular account of ye said charges shall
be laid before them —

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the seventeenth day of May anno
domini 1725 voted that for the future for the space of three years
next coming there be certain places assigned whereto to drive sheep
for shewing that shall go at large in ye Town of Eastham, and that
no person or persons shall drive any sheep into inclosures for shewing
until ye first day of June annually during sd term, and that the
places assigned for that use and purpose be at ye dwelling house of
Mr Thomas Mayo and at ye house of Mr Samuel Knowles and
at the dwelling house of Mr Deborah Higgins and at the Town-
pound and another at the house of Thomas Mayo Junr as also
one at the house of Capt Samuel Freeman, at the dwelling
house of Deacon Edward Knowles at the dwelling house of George
Brown and at the dwelling house of Isaac Higgins only all such
as have sheep running at large to ye northward of Samuel =
Deacon and Daniel Atwoods may drive up such sheep to shew
37 them on the tenth day of May annually and not before and
that all sheep that shall be so drove up to shew and put in
yards shall be kept up twentyfour hours unless they shall be
claimed and taken away by the owners within that time.

At a Town Meeting in Eastham on the sixteenth day of August
anno domini 1725 orderly warned and met and notice in and by said warn-
ing given that it was to take care and order the raising of money to pay
the two ministers salary and for the support of the School and all other
necessary Town ^{& county} charges and at sd meeting the Town then assembled
made choice of Mr Isaac Cooper for a moderator for sd meeting

and at the above sd Town meeting viz: August 16th 1725 the Town or-
dered and voted that the selectmen ^{of the Town} do forthwith assess and order
sd By ye General Court) on their polls and estates the sum of three hundred
pounds and give order to ye Respective Constables to collect and pay
in the same each one their respective proportion to be paid ~~to the~~
committed the one moiety on or before the last day of November.

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next and the other moiety on or before the last day of April
which will be in y^e year of our Lord 1726: which sd money is to
be improved for the paying the two ministrors Salaries: viz: Mr Oz
burn and Mr Webb, for paying the charges of the School the County
charges which shall be proportioned to this Town for this year
and for the paying all other necessary Town charges.

at a Town meeting in Eastham July 16th 1725 The Town made
choice of Mr Isaac Popper and Mr Ralph Smith as a Committee in
the Towns behalf to account with John Paine Town Treasurer vola
ting to his receipts and disbursements since the last ballance of May
the fifth 1724

at the above sd meeting voted that the Constable Timothy Cole
do abate Nicholas Paines rates set down in the list of committed to
him to collect and if y^e Town Treasurer does and abate it with said
Constable

to chuse laymen for the following Court

at a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and being met
according to sd warning on Monday 4th day of October anno domini 1725
they made choice of Mr Edward Knowles for y^e moderator for sd meeting
and at y^e sd meeting this Town then assembled made choice
of John Rich Samuel Atwood Eliza Hopkins and John Brown Junr
to serve on y^e Jury of tryalls at the next inferior Court of common pleas
and general sessions of y^e peace to be holden at Barnstable &c

at a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on the twen
ty seventh day of December anno domini 1725 which meeting was warned
to make choice of three good and lawfull men to serve on y^e Jury of tryalls
at y^e next inferior Court of common pleas and general sessions of the
peace to be holden at Barnstable on the third Tuesday in April January
next at sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Doane Esqr for
a moderator for sd meeting and at the sd meeting viz December the
27th 1725 the Town then assembled made choice of Lieut John Cole Mr
David Doane and Mr Daniel Smith to serve on the Jury of tryalls at
the Court at Barnstable as above sd

at a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on Wednesday
the sixteenth day of March anno domini 1725/6 and notice in and by sd warn
ing given that it was to chuse Town officers for the following year viz
Law Directors and also to consider of and do what may be proper to be done for
the support of our Reverend ministrors and also to make choice of Grand Jurymen
for y^e following year and men to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next inferi
or Court of common pleas and general sessions of y^e peace at Barnstable

and at sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Doane Esqr for a
moderator for sd meeting

and at the above sd Town meeting the Town made choice for Town officers
for the following year as followeth viz:

for Town Clerk John Paine for Town Treasurer John Paine
for Selectmen Mr Isaac Popper Mr Edward Knowles & Mr Joseph Doane
for men to have negative vote in disposing of land Capt Samuel Froe
men Mr Daniel Cole Mr Samuel Mayo Mr Jonathan Higgins & Mr John
Snow

for Constables Mr Benjamin Higgins Mr Josiah Harding & Mr Elizer
Hamlin
for Surveyors of the ways Nathaniel Doane Jacob Snow & Jonathan
Young
for parish Hooper Jeremiah Smith

for

For James Woods Joseph Cole William Walker & John Atwood
For Tithingmen Theophilus Mayo John Brown & Samuel Atwood
For men to serve on the Jury of Tryalls Capt John Knowles Mr Samuel
Smith Mr Joseph Smith & Mr Isaac Doane
For Granjurymen Mr Jonathan Linnell Mr Thomas Mayo Junr & Mr Ben
jamin Hamlin

Then by the vote of the Town the meeting was adjourned to tomorrow ton
of the clock forenoon and notice further given to the town then present &
every full meeting, that they should then convene and do what may then be
judged proper relating to the proportion of money which they received of
the Province Treasurer be their part of the fifty thousand pounds

At the above sd Town meeting continued by adjournment to Thursday march
the seventeenth 1725/6 Voted that there be allowed and paid to the several mi
nister of the Rev Mr Benjamin Wood out of the Town Treasury ten pounds
each in Bills of Credit on or before the twentieth day of November next for
their further encouragement in the work of the ministry

At the above sd Town meeting continued by adjournment from march 17th
1725/6 to march 14th following on consideration of the difficulty which hap
pened relating to the Towns proportion of the fifty thousand pounds in Bills
of Credit granted by the General Court in the year 1720 of which
Eastham's proportion was four hundred & thirty eight pounds and ten shillings
which sd sum the Town of Eastham received and committed it to Joseph Doane
and Nathaniel Freeman Esqrs and Capt Samuel Freeman Gentlemen as tru
tees in sd Towns behalf to let out sd Bills of Credit according to such instruc
tions and directions as they then received from sd Town but the Town be
ing now not well satisfied with the management of that affair it was therefore
at the above sd Town meeting proposed to the Town by the moderator whether
sd Town would deliver up their whole right and interest in and to sd Bills of
Credit committed to sd Trustees as above said provided they the sd Trustees
would give sufficient security to the sd Town of Eastham to save sd Town
harmless from any trouble or charge which may happen or accrue to sd
Town of Eastham from any failure which shall or may be made by reason
of sd Bills of Credit not being paid into the public Treasury of the Pro
vince conformable to the act and order of the General Court relating ther
unto This being at sd meeting proposed to the Town as above said and the
vote being asked by the moderator it passed in the affirmative and in order
thereunto and that the matter might be carried on to effect the Town
then made choice by vote of Mr John Sparrow Mr Samuel Doane and Mr
Joseph Cole as agents in the Towns behalf to take bonds of the above said Jo
seph Doane Nathaniel Freeman and Samuel Freeman to secure the Town
in that matter and also to give such instrument in the Towns behalf to sd
Trustees as may secure them in their right and property in and unto the
sd Bills of Credit and in case anything be hereafter found wanting to enable
sd Joseph Doane Nathaniel Freeman and Samuel Freeman their execu
tors or administrators for the lawful recovery of the sd Bills of Credit of the
respective persons to whom it is by them lent the Town will do what may be
further necessary and proper to enable them thereto

At a Town meeting in Eastham on Wednesday the twenty second day of
June 1726 Edward Knowles was chosen clerk for that day and John Spar
row moderator And Samuel Doane James Rogers Richard Higgins and
Stephen Sparrow were chosen Jury men for the following Court at Ben
table

79) At a Town-meeting in Eastham on y^e eighth Day of August anno
Domini 1726 orderly warned and met and notice in and by said
warning given that it was to take care to raise money for the
paying the ministers Salary for the paying the School charges and
other necessary charges arising within sd Town and at sd meeting
Mr Edward Knowles was chosen moderator

and at the above sd meeting it was ordered and voted that y^e
Selectmen (who are the assessors) do forthwith assess the rate
able inhabitant of this town of Eastham (and such others as
are ordered to pay to this town) on their polls and estates the
sum of three hundred and twenty pounds and commit the list or
list of sd assessments to the respective constables and order them
to collect and pay in each one their respective proportion to them
committed to y^e Town Treasurer the one half part thereof on or
before the last day of November next ensuring the date hereof and
the other half on or before the last day of April which will be in y^e
year of our Lord 1727. which sd money is for the paying the minis-
ters Salary that is to say two hundred pounds thereof for the
paying the charges of y^e School and Schoolmaster such County =
charges as shall be orderly set on sd Town and other necessary
charges as shall arise within sd Town

At a Town-meeting in Eastham on y^e fifth Day of October anno domi-
ni 1726 orderly warned to make choice of four men to serve on y^e jury of try-
als at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the
peace to be holden at Barnstable on the third Tuesday in October and at said
meeting the Town made choice of Mr Josiah Harding for a moderator
for sd meeting and at sd meeting David Young Joseph Cole William
Walker and James Brown to serve on y^e jury of tryals at above sd

At a Town-meeting in Eastham orderly warned to ch^ose four Jurymen
to serve on y^e jury of tryals at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas
and General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable within and for
sd County of Barnstable on y^e third Tuesday in January and being met at the
South meeting house in sd Eastham sd meeting was adjourned to y^e house of
Joseph Deane Esq^r and at sd meeting Joseph Deane Esq^r was chosen
moderator and at sd meeting Mr Joshua Higgins Nathaniel Mayo James
Smith and Thomas Bacon were elected and Deputed to serve on the jury
of tryals at above sd.

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met and notice given
that it was to ch^ose Town officers for the following year as also to make
choice of Grandjurors for y^e following year and men to serve on the jury
of tryals at the next Court of quarter Sessions in Barnstable on the first
Tuesday in April and at sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Deane
Esq^r for moderator for sd meeting
and at sd meeting (viz) March y^e 13th 1726, The Town made choice for Town officers
for y^e following year the following persons: viz: for Town Clerk John Baird
for Town Treasurer John Baird. for Selectmen Mr Isaac Popper Mr
Israel Deane and Mr Edward Knowles but Mr Edward Knowles being preferred
declared his own acceptance of sd trust so that the Town proceeded to make
choice of another and Mr Jonathan Young was chosen by y^e Major vote of y^e
to be one of y^e Selectmen

for Constables Joseph Cole Joseph Smith and Barnabas Young
for men to have a negative vote in disposing of land Capt Samuel Freeman
Mr Daniel Cole Mr Samuel Mayo Mr Jonathan Higgins and Mr John Snow
for Tithing men William Smith Roger Thomas and Thomas Duane

20) For Hogsheads Eliza Elvige Nathaniel Snow and David Young
For fowls vintners Mr. John Snow Nathaniel Doane and John Wood
For Surveyors of ways William Walker Joseph Rogers and Eliza Elvige
For pound keeper Jeremiah Smith
For Grandjurymen Eliza Higgins Isaac Poire Stephen Snow & William Twining
At the above sd Town meeting viz. March 13th 1726, the Town
made choice to serve on a Jury of Tryalls at the next inferior Court of Common
pleas and Court of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable on the
first Tuesday in April John Mulford Isaac Baker Richard Spooner & Joshua Hopkins
at the above sd Town meeting it was proposed by the moderator at the mo-
tion of the select men whether the Town were willing that Nathaniel Higgins
his Town vote for y^e year 1726, should be abated with the Constable Josiah Harding
At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned to make choice of two true
full men one to serve on the Grand jury and one on the Jury of Tryalls at
the next Superior Court of Judicature Court of Assize and General Goal
delivery to be holden at Plymouth for y^e County of Plymouth viz. on the
last Tuesday of April. and being met, on the 2nd Tuesday in April they
made choice of Joseph Doane Esq^r for moderator at sd meeting
and at the sd meeting the Town made choice of Mr. Samuel Doane
to serve on the Grand jury at the above sd Court and likewise made choice
at y^e same meeting of Eliza Hopkins - to serve on the Jury of Tryalls
at y^e sd Court

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on Wednesday
the tenth Day of May anno domini 1727 and notice in and by sd warn-
ing given that it was to nominate and chuse one or two men to serve as
Representatives at the great and General Court or assembly to be con-
voked hold and kept at y^e Court House at Boston on Wednesday the
thirtieth Day of May, as also to consider and do what may be proper
to be done for the better regulating theop as to y^e getting them up to
be shewn and at sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Doane
Esq^r to serve as their Representative at above sd who being present
declared his acceptance

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the twenty sixth Day of June anno
domini 1727, warned to make choice of four men to serve on the Jury of
Tryalls at the next inferior Court of Common pleas and Court of General Sessions
of y^e peace to be holden at Barnstable on the first Tuesday in July
at sd meeting Samuel Freeman Jun^r was chosen moderator
and at the said meeting the Town made choice of Mr. Joseph Morrice Robert
Pappor Nathaniel Doane and William Paine to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls as
above sd

39 At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on the twen-
ty sixth Day of July anno domini 1727 and notice in and by said warning
given that it was to take care to raise money to defray and pay the
two ministers salary and to pay the County and Town charges necessa-
rily arising therein for the year following and at sd meeting the Town
made choice of Capt. Samuel Freeman Jun^r for the Moderator for y^e meeting
and at the above sd Town meeting viz. July 26th 1727, it was ordered and
declared that the select men (who are the assessors) do pay the sum of the Town
of the Town of Eastham (and such others as are ordered by the General
Court to pay for sd Town) on their polls and estates the sum of twelve
pounds and commit the list or lists of sd assessments to the Represen-
tatives and order them to collect and pay in such manner as they respectively

part of the assessment to them committed unto John Paine Town
Treasurer or to his successor in his office the one half thereof on or
before the last day of November next coming and the other half part
thereof on or before the last day of April which will be in the
year of our Lord God 1725: and then make up account of the whole
which said three hundred pounds is for the paying and discharging the
two ministers salary viz Mr. Gorton and Mr. Will. for the paying what
shall be our just proportion of the County charges for the paying a
Schoolmaster the relief of the poor and other necessary charges as
shall arise within the Town

and at the same Town meeting: viz: July 25: 1724: it was proposed by
whosoever the Town would allow to the Receiver Mr. Gorton and Mr. Will. at the
last year that is ten pounds each to be paid by the last day of
November next over and above the ninety pound each assessed to the
Town agreement and the vote being taken the vote past in the affirmative
at the same meeting ordered that the select men take effectual care
at the Town charges to make necessary provision for the support of James
Lindhaven

at the above meeting the Town men chose of Mr. Isaac Popper and Capt
Samuel Freeman to account with John Paine as Town Treasurer relative to
his receipts and disbursements since the balance in August of 1725
according to the said Samuel Freeman and Isaac Popper examined
the accounts of the said John Paine as Town Treasurer and finds them right
and well vouched and that since the last balance which was in August
of 25th 1725 the said John Paine as Town Treasurer hath received five
hundred fifty and no pounds nine shillings and sixpence and hath paid
the balance paid out five hundred fifty and two pounds seven shillings
and seven pence

So that on a just balance the said John Paine since the
last balance hath paid out eighteen shillings and one
penny more than he has received we are therefore of opi
nion that the said John Paine be discharged of the bal
ance of five hundred fifty and two pounds seven shil
lings and seven pence this was proposed to the Town by
the Committee and accepted by the vote

Samuel Freeman Moderator
John Paine Town Clerk

at a Townmeeting at Eastham warranted to make choice of four
men to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferior Court of
Common pleas and General Sessions of the peace to be holden at
Beverly on the third Tuesday in October and at the meeting the
Town made choice of Joseph Drane Esq. for moderator for the
meeting and at the meeting Mr. Joshua Higgins and Mr. Knowles John
Smith and John Knowles Junr to serve on the Jury of Tryalls as above

at a Townmeeting in Eastham on the sixth day of November
1724 warranted to make choice of a person to serve as the Town Representative
at August and General Court to be convened holden kept at the Court House
in Boston on the 22nd day of November current or also for the Town to order
mine the price that the Constable shall receive for the several fees or at which
are to pay the Province Tax according to the direction of the Law
and at the meeting the Town by a major vote made choice of Joseph Drane
Esq. to serve as their Representative at the General Court as above

82) at the above 2d meeting viz November 6th 1727 The Town made choice of
 Mr Samuel Knowles just for an moderator for 2^d meeting
 and at the 2d meeting the Town voted that the Constables of Eastham shall
 receive the several species ordered by law to pay the provines Tax at the
 prices hereafter set down that is to say
 winter-wheat at seven shillings pr bushell — 0 — 7 — 0
 summer wheat at six shillings pr bushell — 0 — 6 — 0
 Rye at five shillings pr bushell — 0 — 5 — 0
 barley at five shillings pr bushell — 0 — 5 — 0
 Indian corn at four shillings pr bushell — 0 — 4 — 0

at a town-meeting in Eastham on the tenth day of January anno domini
 1727/8 w^{as} made choice of four men to serve on the Jury of tryalls at
 the next Inferior Court of common pleas and General Sessions of the peace
 to be holden at Barnstable on the third tuesday in January
 at said meeting the Town made choice of Mr Isaac Popper for a moderator
 for 2d meeting, and at 2d meeting Mr Ralph Smith Joseph Snow Ebenezer
 Poine and Stephen Sparrow to serve on the Jury of tryalls at above said

at a town-meeting in Eastham on monday the eleventh day of march
 anno domini 1727/8 orderly warned and met and notice in and by Deceun
 ing given that it was to chos^e Town officers for the following year at the law
 direct and also to chos^e two Granjary-men to serve for the following year
 and three men to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next inferior Court of
 common pleas and General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable as
 also to chos^e five lawfull men two whereof to serve on the Granjary at the
 next Superior Court of Judicature and General Goal Delivery to be holden at
 Barnstable and three to serve on the Jury of tryalls at D Court. And at 2d
 meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Doane Esq^r for a moderator for
 2d meeting

and at 2d meeting the Town made choice of John Paine for Town Clock and Town
 Treasurer —

at the 2d meeting at the motion of several persons it was proposed by the mod-
 erator whether it was the minds of the Town to chos^e three selectmen and remove and it
 passed in the affirmative and accordingly the Town by a major vote made choice of Deacon
 Edward Knowles Samuel Freeman and Nathaniel Cole and at 2d meeting
 the Town made choice of men to have a negative vote in disposing of land Capt David
 Freeman Nathaniel Daniel Cole Samuel Mayo Jonathan Higgins and John Paine —

for Constables Eliza Hopkins John Withovit
 for Tithingmen Nathaniel Rogers Samuel Higgins Senior & Thomas Necoma
 for four surveyors of ways William Walker Joseph Rogers & Eliza Edw^d
 for fence viewers Jabez Snow Nathaniel Doane and John Atwood
 for pound keeper Jeremiah Smith and Joseph Atkins

for granjary men for the County of Barnstable Nathaniel Mayo & John Brown and
 for men to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next inferior Court of common pleas &
 general Sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable John Rich Nathaniel Doane
 and Daniel Smith

for granjary-men to serve at the next Superior Court of Judicature Court of
 Sessions and General Goal Delivery Capt Samuel Freeman & Eliza Edw^d

40 for men to serve on the Jury of tryalls at D Court Lieut John Cole
 William Paine Lieut Jabez Snow and George Williamson —

at the above 2d Town-meeting viz march 11th 1727/8 it was voted by the Town
 that Mr John Sparrow might have liberty to shut up the lane which goes down to
 Lieut Cole's room towards Nathaniel Gunner's somewhere near the going into D lane
 so as to keep convenient gates for persons to pass with carts &c

83) At a Town meeting in Eastham on ye 5th Day of May anno domini 1728. warned for ye purpose. Mr Samuel Knowles Junr was chosen by ye major part of ye voters present to serve as representative for ye Town of Eastham at the General Court at Boston who being present accepted

At a Town-meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on the 20th Day of May anno domini 1728: and notice in and by Edwrd Warrington ^{given} that it was to know the minds of the Town whether ye Town would see cause to take their proportion of the Sixty then and pounds ordered to be issued ^{of} the public Treasury and to choose Trustees to qualified as the law directs to take out their proportion of ^{of} Sixty thousand pounds and at sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Doane Esquire for moderator and for sd meeting. at the above sd meeting it was proposed whether it was the minds of the Town to choose agents to send for sd money and to be divided or let out in bonds payable and the vote being taken by ye moderator and it passed in the negative at the same meeting it was proposed by the moderator whether the Town will send for the above sd money and let it out as followeth Viz: to Joseph Doane Esq^r fifty pounds to Capt John Knowles one hundred pounds to David Doane one hundred pounds to Samuel Smith one hundred pounds Nathaniel Cole one hundred pounds Nathaniel Mayo forty pounds Benjamin Higgins fifty pounds and to Thomas Cigent twenty pounds and ^{and} ~~that~~ ^{they} ~~they~~ ^{they} respectively give sufficient security to have the Town harmless from any damages and pay in the four pound per Cent annually to the Province Treasurer and the principle according as is provided by law and pay all the charge of bringing home sd five hundred and fifty seven pounds and fifteen shillings and the charge of the Trustees in letting out sd money and taking security therefor and accordingly at the same meeting the Town made choice of Nathaniel Freeman Esq^r Mr Edward Knowles and John Paine for trustees in the above affair to take out the Towns proportion of the Sixty thousand pound and to let it out according as the law provides and the Town order who were then sworn as the law directs

at the above sd meeting it was proposed to the Town by ye moderator whether it was their minds that Joshua Knowles voter in ye Joseph Rogers his late when Rogers Constable should be aided with ye Constable and it passed in the affirmative

At a Town Meeting in Eastham on ye 24th Day of June anno domini 1728 warned to chose three men to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Superior Court to be holden at Brewstables on ye first Tuesday in July next John Popper being chosen moderator The Town at sd meeting made choice of Samuel Brown William Smith and Thomas Higgins to serve on the petit Jury and Samuel Harding to serve on the Grand Jury for ye year

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on Monday the sixteenth Day of September anno domini 1728 and notice in and by sd warning given that it was to do what may be proper to be done in order for the raising money for the ministers Salary and to do the other necessary civilizing in sd Town. and at sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Doan Esq^r for the moderator for sd meeting

and at the above said Town-meeting it was ordered and voted that the select men (who are the assessors) do forthwith assess the rateable inhabitants of the Town of Eastham (and such others as are ordered by the General Court) to pay toward the support of the ministry on their polls and Estates the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds and commit the lists thereof to the respective Constables of Eastham and order them to collect and pay in each one his respective part as contained in the lists to them committed unto the Town Treasurer for the time being the one half on or before the last Day of November next and the other half on or before the last Day of April which will be in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty which sd money is for the ends following Viz: two hundred and twenty pounds for the supporting the ministers Salary that is to say to Mr. Brown one hundred and twenty pounds to Mr. Webb one hundred and twenty pounds both for ye year current the remainder is for the paying the charge of ye School for paying the County rate which shall be

84) Feb on the Town by the Justices and for the Defraying necessary Town
charges this was voted by a great majority at 2^d meeting

and at the afore^d meeting viz September 16th 1728 the made choice of Joseph
Doane Esqr and Mr Israel Cole to account with John Paine as Town Treasurer
At a Town-meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on Monday the
thirtieth Day of September annodominii 1728 and notice in and by sd warning
given that it was to make choice of four good and lawfull men to serve on the pet-
tit Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and General Ses-
sions of y^e Peace to be hold at Barnstable on the third Tuesday in October
and at y^e 2^d meeting the Town made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman for mo-
derator for sd meeting and at y^e 3^d meeting the Town made choice of Mr Da-
vid Doane Jonathan Smith and Thomas Snow

To serve on the Jury of Tryalls as above sd

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the twentieth Day of January anno
domini 1728/9 orderly warned and met and notice in and by sd warning
given that it was to chose four good and lawfull men to serve on the
pettit Jury for Tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and Ge-
neral Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Barnstable on y^e third Tuesday
in January. At sd meeting Joseph Doane Esqr was chosen moderator
at the 2^d meeting the Town then made choice of Mr Joseph Hig-
gins Isaac Popper Jonathan Cole and Israel Mayo to serve on y^e Jury of
Tryalls as above sd

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on Monday the tenth
Day of March annodominii 1728/9 and notice in and by sd warning given that it was
to chose Town officers for y^e year ensuing as also to chose three good and lawfull
men to serve on the pettit Jury for tryall at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas
and Court of General Sessions of y^e Peace to be holden at Barnstable on y^e third Tues-
day in March and to chose two men to serve on y^e Grand Jury for y^e following year and
also to chose an agent or agents to answer the sd Towns presentment made the last
Court for not choosing Rogrooves according to law. And at sd meeting Mr Isaac Pop-
per was chosen moderator

At the above sd meeting the Town made choice for Town Clerk John Paine
for Town Treasurer John Paine

for Selectmen - (of wh^{ch} the Town voted to chose but three) Mr Edward Kimball Mr
Israel Cole and Mr Samuel Freeman

for Constables Theophilus Mayo Samuel Higgins and Elizer Atwood

for men to have a negative vote in disposing of land Capt Samuel Freeman Mr
Daniel Cole Samuel Mayo Jonathan Higgins and Jobez Snow

for sitting men Jonathan Smith and Christian Romick

for Rogrooves Richard Higgins and Joseph Mayo

for Surveyors of Highways Joseph Rogers Eliza Chridg and William
Walker Junr

for Overseers of the Poor Jobez Snow Nathaniel Doane and John Atwood

for pound Raper Governorial Smith Junr

for men to serve on the pettit Jury of tryalls Ralph Smith ~~Jonathan~~
Thomas Atwood and Joshua Treat

for Grand Jury-men John Atwood and Jonathan Cole

41 At a Town meeting in Eastham on the tenth Day of March annodominii 1728/9
The Town made choice of Joseph Doane Esqr to appear ^{at Barnstable Court} as agent for said
Town to answer the sd Towns presentment the last Court at Barnstable for
not choosing Rogrooves according to law

At the 2^d Town-meeting viz March 10th 1728/9 it was proposed by the modera-
tor whether the Town would allow James Linckhorne six pounds to relieve ~~him~~
him under his present necessity and the vote being asked by the moderator
it passed in the affirmative

At the 3^d above meeting that there be away laid out for Nathaniel Higgins
from his land to y^e roadway

At the 4th above meeting Jonathan Cole was chosen for Grand Jurymen it appears
afterwards that he was not qualified for sd office the Town therefore made choice of Nathaniel
Doane to serve in his place as Grand Jurymen

35] At a Town Meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on the seventh Day of April anno domini 1729 and notice in and by sd warning given that it was to chuse six good and lawfull men two to serve on the Granjury and four on the petit Jury of Tryalls at the next Superior Court of Judicature Count of assizes and General Goal Delivery to be holden at Barnstable on y^e fourth Tuesday in April and at sd meeting Joseph Doane ~~Esq~~ was chosen moderator and at the sd meeting the Town made choice of David Doane and Thomas Mayo Jun^r to serve on the Granjury at y^e Court above sd and to serve on the petit Jury for Tryalls as above sd the Town made choice of Capt John Knowles John Hensman Joshua Higgins and Israel Doane

At a Town-meeting in Eastham orderly warned, and met on Thursday the fifth tenth day of May anno Domini 1729, and notice in and by sd warning given that it was to elect and depute one or more persons being free holders &c to serve for and represent them in assize and General Court or assembly appointed to be holden and kept at the his majestys service at y^e Court-house in Salem on Wednesday the twenty eighth day of May instant &c and also to make choice of a person to serve as Constable for y^e precinct off Bellinggate and also to do what may be proper to prevent vains going at large. At sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Doane ~~Esq~~ for a moderator for sd meeting and at said meeting the Town made choice of Mr Ebenezer Freeman to serve as Constable for y^e Town in the stead of Eliezer Atwood deceased

Whereas there is a Town act on record to prevent vains going at large on the commons at unreasonable times as may be seen in and by sd Town act or order but for want of due prosecution it hath (especially of late years) proved to be of little effect there being no encouragement for him or them that do take up vains it is therefore ordered and voted at the above said Town-meeting viz: May y^e fifteenth 1729

That if any person or persons belonging to y^e Town of Eastham shall take up any Sheep-ram or vains and proceed with him or them according to y^e true meaning of sd Town act and make it evident to y^e Town Treasurer for y^e time being. Shall receive as a reward one shilling for every ram which he or they shall take up to be paid by y^e Town Treasurer out of y^e Town Treasury

At a Town meeting in Eastham May y^e 15th 1729 the Town made choice of Mr Samuel Knowles Jun^r to serve as their Representative as above sd who being present & refused the service whereupon the Town proceeded to a new choice of and chose Mr John Spino to serve in sd office who being present ~~all~~ refused then the Town proceeded to a third choice and chose Mr Israel Cobb to serve at y^e General Court as their representative as above sd who being present accepted

At a Town-meeting in Eastham on y^e eleventh Day of June 1729 warned for the purpose (Mr Isaac Popper being chosen moderator) the Town then assembled made choice of Mr Isaac Popper Mr Joseph Morrill Samuel Brown and Isaac Higgins to serve on the petit Jury for Tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and General Sessions of y^e peace to be held at Barnstable on y^e first Tuesday in June

At a Town-meeting in Eastham orderly warned, and met on Monday the fourth day of August anno domini 1729 and notice in and by sd warning given that it was to raise money for the defraying the necessary Charges arising within sd Town as also to hear what Mr Samuel Knowles had to say about a record that he finds in the Books of records bearing date March 10th 1708 which Mr John Paine made for perform to go over the land and over by the head of the Cove — At sd meeting the Town made choice of Joseph Doane ~~Esq~~ for moderator for sd meeting and the above said Town meeting it ordered and voted that the Selectmen (who are the assessors for sd Town of Eastham) do forthwith assess the Rateable Inhabitants of sd Town and such others as are ordered by the General Court to pay towards the support of the Ministry in Eastham. (Bellinggate on their polls and estates as the Law directs the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds and commit the list thereof to the respective Constables of sd Eastham and order them to collect and pay in the several Sums therein respectively contained and to send one

86 of them committed unto the Town Treasurer for the time being, the one half on or before the last day of November next coming and the other half part on or before the last day of April which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty which sd money is for the use hereafter named Viz: To pay the ministers salaries two hundred and twenty pounds that is to say to Mr Samuel Osborn one hundred and twenty pounds and to Mr Benjamin Webb one hundred and twenty pounds both for the year current the remainder to pay the charges of a school and to pay such County votes as may or shall be set on sd Town by his Majesty's Justices of the General Sessions of y^e Peace at Barnstable and for the paying other necessary charges as arising within sd Town of Eastham This above written was voted at above sd Town meeting in Minni Contradictio

at a Town meeting in Eastham August 4th 1729 at the request of Mr Samuel Knowles Voted that the word by: in the thirteenth line of a record relating to away over the Road of y^e recorded pays 205 should be voted out

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned and met on the 15th day of October antedominii 1729 and notice in and by sd warning given that it was to choose four good and lawful men to serve on the petit jury for tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and General Sessions of y^e Peace to be holden at Barnstable and at sd meeting the Town then met made choice of Mr John Sparrow for moderator for sd meeting and at sd meeting the Town made choice Richard Higgins John Higgins Benjamin Higgins and Eliza Higgins to serve on the jury of tryalls as above said

Noted on 4th 12th day of January 1729/30 the Town made choice of Joshua Perkins Richard Mayr Eliza Higgins Jun^r and Eliza Linell to serve on the petit jury at the next Inferior Court of Common pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Barnstable

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned & met on the 14th day of March 1729/30 Voted to choose Joseph Dorne for the Town clerk for the ensuing year the aforesaid being then Nathaniel Higgins for choice of moderator and meeting then made choice of Mr Isaac Cole Mr James Rogers & Mr Joseph Rogers for select men for the ensuing year then made choice of Deacon Daniel Knowles for one of the Constables for sd year then made choice of Jonathan Smith for one of the Constables for sd year then made choice of Daniel Mayo for one of the Constables of the Town then also made choice of Nathan Young & Stephen Snow for surveyors of the Town then made choice of Thomas Mayo Isaac Higgins & Eliza Higgins for assessors of the Town then made choice of Joseph Dorne Isaac Mayo & Nathaniel Higgins for fence viewers then made choice of Nathaniel Smith Jun^r David Raper then made choice of Samuel Dorne & Eliza Young for highwaymen then made choice of Capt Samuel Freeman Mr John Sparrow Deacon Joseph Mijrick Deacon Edward Knowles & Deacon Jonathan Higgins for highwaymen then made choice of Joshua Higgins & Joshua Peal to serve for the grand jury at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the ensuing year then made choice of Joseph Mayo Samuel Horton John Nathan & Thomas Lind for watchmen Constables of tryalls as petit jurors then voted that Mr John Perkins petition be granted to that he receive the ten shillings for which he received of some one of the Constables that proved contrary to the petitioners to receive the same

47 out of the Town Treasury. Town voted that Deacon Daniel Knowles & Mr Isaac Cole Jun^r & Nathaniel Mayr John Perkins Jun^r Town Treasurers - & John Peal with him relating to the Town Treasury & make Report to the Town House of

Entered by Joseph Dorne Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned & assembled on the 30th day of March 1730 & notice given in sd warning it was to choose six good & lawful men the whereof to serve on the grand jury & four on the jury of tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Judicature Court of Assizes & General Goals to be holden at Barnstable the said 30th day of April here for which sd Town meeting Samuel Rogers - was chosen moderator & at sd meeting Mr John Higgins and Joshua Higgins Jun^r were chosen to serve on the grand jury at sd Court and Deacon Daniel Knowles Samuel Dorne John Peal & Nathaniel Freeman Jun^r were chosen to serve on the jury of tryalls at sd Court

Entered by Joseph Dorne Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 13th day of May 1730 Orderly warned & met: Notis given in the morning, then & there to Elect & Depute one or more persons to serve & Represent the town in a Great & Generall Court or assembly appointed to be convened betwixt and betwixt his Majesty's power at Harvard College in Cambridge upon wensday the twenty fourth day of May Instant and also to do what may be proper in agreeing with sd Representative for his allowance: at which meeting the town made choyce of Mr Joshua Higgins to serve as Representative as above sd. who did according by except of the town also then voted to a low sd Representative be paym'to him as the last province act made provision for Representatives allowance unless the General Court shall make any other act Relating to the premises that he sd Mr Joshua Higgins shall see cause to Comply with.

Entered by Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 30th day of June 1730 Orderly warned & met to: choyce four good & Lawfull men of sd town to serve on the Petit Jury of tryals at the next Sessions Court of Common Pleas & Generall session of the Bench to be holden in & for the County of Barnstable on the first Tuesday of July next Mr Israel Cole - choyse Moderator for sd meeting: and then at sd meeting was choyse for a Jurymen Mr J^r Williams - James Joseph Atwood David Doane & Ralph Smith

Entered by Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham Orderly warned & met the 14th day of September Anno: 1730 to Consider & do what might be proper for the raising of money to pay the Ministers salaries Representative school masters & repaying the necessary charges arising within the sd town & Decemr Edward Harts being first choyse Moderator for sd meeting and then the inhabitants assembled at sd meeting proceeded determined & voted that the selectmen who are the assessors of said town of Eastham do forthwith assess the Rateable inhabitants of sd town to such others as the General Court hath ordered to pay towards the support of the Ministry in sd Eastham as the Law directs so as to make the sum of three hundred & eighty five pounds & commit the list there of unto the Assessors five quarters of sd Eastham to order them to collect & pay in the General sum thereon to them respectively & committed unto the Town Treasurer for the time being the one half part thereof on or before the last day of November next coming & the other half part thereof on or before the last day of April next: which will be in the year 1731 which sd money is for the uses here after expressed viz, one hundred & twenty pounds to pay Mr Samuel Offorss salary for the year current & the Remainder to pay the charge of school to pay Mr Benjamin Shute salary for the year current & the Remainder to pay the charge of school any Representatives wages & such County Rates as may or shall be set on sd town by the Justices of the County of Barnstable in their sessions & also other proper town charge. The above written was upon the vote being called for by the Moderator: voted Martin Contra Dicente

Attest Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the fifth day of October Anno: 1730 warned to Make choyce of one good & Lawfull man to serve on the Grand Jury the Remaining part of the year current and also to choyse four good & Lawfull men to serve on the Jury of tryals at the next court of Common Pleas to be holden at Barnstable the third Tuesday of this Instant mo. the inhabitants assembled as the Law directs then assembled first choyse Mr David Doane - Moderator for sd meeting & then proceeded & choyse for sd Grand Jurymen Mr Roger Thomas: and also then made choyce of Thomas Higgins William Walker Junr Joseph Harding & Benjamin Higgins to serve on the Jury of tryals at sd court.

Attest Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 5th day of January 1730/31 warned to make choyce of four good & Lawfull men to serve on the Jury of tryals at the next Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Barnstable on the third Tuesday of this Instant mo. the inhabitants being assembled as the Law directs first made choyce of Edward Harts for - Moderator for sd meeting & then made choyce of Joseph Higgins John Foraman & James Higgins to serve as Jurymen above sd then made choyce of John Foraman agent to answer sd Jurymen's representation then also voted that the selectmen take som prudent care for the relief of John Foraman who is now in London & who was formerly in the service of the

At a town meeting in Eastham the 27th day of January 1730/31
was resolved to chuse a ~~grand~~ & lawful man to Represent ~~the~~ Town at the Great & General Court
to be held at the Court house in Boston the tenth day of February next & also to do what
might be proper in agreeing with ~~the~~ Representative about his wages
and the town then made choyce of Capt John Knowles Representative as above & he accordingly
by then accepted. The town then also manifested their mind by vote for settling a salary on the
Governor pursuant to the Kings Instructions also then voted the Election of Deacons & Drivers.
Knowles & Mr Daniel Coles Returns of acc^{ts} made up with Mr John Davis & the town.
Treasurer the 9th day of March 1729/30 entered for Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the tenth day of March 1730/31 held at the Middle meeting house
in Eastham then & there to make choyce of select men Constables & other town officers as the laws direct
and also to do what might be done in awarding & approving a highway laid out by the select men of sd town
for the benefit of John Smith & the neighbors there abouts from Nathaniel Smiths house to the common Road
and also another highway laid out for the use of the neighbors from the highway by Eliza Cobble to the
eastward of Benjamin Cokes land & so along by Great Higgins Island to the highway & also to do what
might be proper to be done concerning the ministerial land at the north end of sd town of Eastham
to be run the way between land & the land of John Atwood all which was fitted in the morning for
calling sd meeting at which meeting Deacon Edward Knowles was firstly chosen moderator & the
moderator then proposed sd meeting whether they would chuse a town clerk by nomination or by
proxies & many signifying it was most Regular & had been the practice of sd town to chuse the same
clerk by proxies the moderator then called for the vote for all that were for chusing town clerk
by proxies wd manifest it by the official signe & the vote passed in the affirmative then the moderator
also called to bring in their votes for choyce of a town clerk & Joseph Doane Esq by vote was
then chosen clerk for the town: then nextly Deacon Edward Knowles was chosen town treasurer
nextly Samuel Doane Samuel Knowles jun & Daniel Coles were chosen select men nextly
John Freeman Samuel Freeman & Samuel Atwood were chosen constables nextly Stephen
Jones & James Smith were chosen tything men nextly Samuel Higgins jun John Palmer
jun & Eliza Higgins Beneson Higgins Joseph Atkins & Jeremiah Mayo were chosen
surveyors of ways nextly Nathaniel Mayo Daniel Smith & John Atwood were chosen fence
viewers nextly Eliza Dodge John Walker & David Young were chosen hog Deers nextly
John Freeman Capt Freeman Deacon Higgins Deacon Maynick & Daniel Cole were chosen negative
men nextly Roger Thomas & Jeremiah Mayo were chosen pound keepers nextly James Cole
James Brown & Eliza Dodge jun were chosen barbers & shavers & also
then voted the town treasurer to be allowed of sd pound entered for the Joseph Doane town clerk
for all the money he had in hand on the ministers & also
At the above sd town meeting viz the 10th day of March 1730/31

then the town made choyce of David Smith & Isaac Young for Grand Jurymen for the ensuing
year then also made choyce of Jonathan Higgins jun William Maynick & John Harding
standing for petit Jurymen for the next court.
Entered for the Joseph Doane town clerk
at the above sd meeting voted that Isaac Pepper & Samuel Freeman jun should be
the town treasurer Relating to his acc^{ts} & his Report at the next town meeting
Then also voted that the select men be a committee to run the Range between the ministerial
land at Billings gate & other land to settle the bounds according to Deeds & make Return thereof
town meeting Entered for Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting viz the 10th day of March 1730/31 then the select men of sd town
offered to sd town for their approbation any they had laid out in the following: Eastham
February the 23rd 1730/31 the select men of Eastham offered for approbation a high-
way by several of the neighbors there abouts this twenty third day of February laid out a high-
way beginning at the corner of John Smiths fence near Nathaniel Smiths dwelling house & ending
fourty feet to the way owners to Roger Thomas's barn & then thirty feet to the common road
near Nathaniel Smiths land to the common Road to be an opening for the use of sd town
and neighbor hood for the use of John Smith at whose Request so many neighbors
is laid out of sd town to keep the highway & to keep the highway
in sd way in such good Repair as may be sufficient for his own use to
to pass & Repass at his cost & charge. Voted by the town to be a way
as above laid out
Entered for Joseph Doane town clerk

99)
* Capt Joseph Doane

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 31st day of March 1731 orderly warned to make choice of four Petit Jurymen to serve on the Justice of the Peace & c. at the next Court & Court of assize to be holden at Barnstable for the County of Barnstable & Dukes County on the 1st day of April next. It was then made choice of Israel Cole for Moderator for said meeting; and then was chosen four Petit Jurymen Israel Cole John Smith Samuel Brown & Joseph Mayo and also was chosen for said Grand Jurymen Deacon Edward Knowls & David Doane.

May 12th 1731

At a Town meeting in Eastham orderly warned to make choice of a Representative to Represent them at a great & General Court to be held & kept for his Majesty's service at the Court house in Boston on Wednesday the 26th Instant then made choice of Capt John Knowls to Represent them at the above Court & General Court. Then voted that Capt Knowls should be allowed & paid out of the Town treasury seven shillings & 6 pence for his travel to Boston & attending there as Representative at the said Court & Courts during this year for every day travelling home unless said General Court shall make an act for representing him wages for this or former time then for said Capt Knowls to be paid & placed as said act shall direct & not other ways.

entered p Joseph Doane Town clerk

At the above Town meeting viz May 12th 1731 it was then voted that the Commissions Returns of acc^t & Reckoning with the Town Treasurer was accepted which was in the words following: The subscriber being appointed by the Town of Eastham to audit accounts with Mr Edward Knowls Town Treasurer have accordingly & verily sworn on the 11th March 1731 audit accounts with him the said Knowls & by our calling find them Right and there Remains due to the said Town from the late balance in the Book bearing date March the 11th 1730 to this day in the hand of said Treasurer the sum of seventy four pounds fourteen shillings & seven pence & still Remains due from the Constables of the Town of Eastham one hundred thirty one pound eleven shillings & ten pence.

074-14-07.
131-11-10
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074-14-07
206-06-05

entered p Joseph Doane
Town clerk

and signed Isaac Pepper
Samuel Freeman jr

At a Town meeting July 5th 1731 then made choice for Petit Jurymen Deacon Joseph Mayrick James Rogers Ralph Smith Juris Juris.
entered p Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 12th day of August 1731 warned to Raise money to pay said Towns proportion of the County Rate for the year commencing for paying school money & other proper Town charge the inhabitants being accordingly assembled made choice of Mr Israel Cole for Moderator for said meeting & then concluded and proceeded to Raise the sum of one hundred & twenty pounds fifty pence & c. for the year 1731 & c. to be paid by the Rateable inhabitants of said Town for the use & ends above said. It was then ordered that all the Rateable inhabitants of said Town who are by Law assessors do forthwith make a Rate upon the persons & estates of the Rateable inhabitants of said Town according to Law & deliver the same to the Constable & Constables of said Town with a warrant & c. to be paid by the Rateable inhabitants in the same in current publick bills & c. or in specie the one half on or before the 1st day of October next & the other half on or before the 1st day of January next for the year 1732 for the use & ends above said.

entered p Joseph Doane Town clerk

30) At a town meeting in Eastham the 11th day of October 1731 to chuse Jurymen for the court
Lieut John Cole Moderator then made choyce of Samuel Higgins Jun Joseph Smith Jun
James Smith & Jonathan Linnel for Petit Jurymen for October court
Entered by Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 27th day of December 1731 to make choyce
of Petit Jurymen Mr Isaac Pepper Moderator then made choyce of William
Paine Richard Mayo Eliza Higgins & Eliza Cobb for Jurymen for the next
Court
Entered by Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the sixteenth day of March 1731/2
was made to make choyce of all town officers for the year ensuing as also to consider of & confirm
several ways that the selectmen had laid out in a town for the use of a Town as also to make choyce
of Grand Jurymen for the year ensuing & Petit Jurymen for the next Court as also to make
choyce of Grand Jurymen & Petit Jurymen for the next Superior Court Court of assize &
General Court & County for which meeting Deacon Edward Knowls was chosen Moderator
and then Joseph Doane Esqr was chosen Town clerk for the year ensuing and then
also Deacon Edward Knowls was chosen Town Treasurer & then Daniel Cole Jonathan Young
and Timothy Cole were chosen selectmen then also Samuel Freeman Jun Isaac Cole and
William Paine were chosen assessors then also Nathaniel Doane Daniel Smith & Abiah
Harding were chosen Constables then also William Cole Jonathan Cole & William Smith
were chosen Tythingmen then also John Paine Samuel Higgins Jun Eliza Higgins Eliza
Higgins & Samuel Brown were chosen surveyors ^{of high ways} then also Isaac Doane Samuel Doane and
Isaac Doane were chosen fence viewers then also Robert Young Samuel Horton & William
Lewis were chosen hog Drivers then also Capt Samuel Freeman Samuel Mayo Joseph Myrick
Jabiz Snow & Eliza Dred were chosen Negative men then also Roger Thomas & Jeremiah
Mayo were chosen Pound Keepers then also James Higgins & James Brown were chosen
Grand Jurymen for the year then also then also David Doane Joshua Knowls Benjamin
Cook & Nathaniel Higgins were chosen Petit Jurymen for the next Superior Court then also
Nathaniel Mayo & Benjamin Cook were chosen Grand Jurymen for the Superior Court
then also James Rogers Theophilus Mayo Isaac ^{Doane} Stephen Sparrow were chosen Petit
Jurymen for the Superior Court then also voted that the town treasurer should have precedence on
the pound for receiving in & paying out the towns money all except the ministers' tolling
Entered by Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 16th day of May 1732 was made to chuse
a Representative then chose Capt John Knowls Representative for the year ensuing
then also chose Mr Isaac Pepper & Samuel Freeman Jun to Reckon with the town
Treasurer concerning his acct of the towns money & to make Report at the next town
meeting
Entered by Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 19th day of June 1732 was made to chuse Petit
Jurie for the next court of Common Pleas & Court of Genl sessions of the Peace Isaac Pepper
chosen Moderator then made choyce of Samuel Brown Isaac Higgins Joshua Higgins Jun & Richard Sperry
for Petit Jurymen for a court the first Tuesday of July next

31) At a town meeting in Eastham the tenth day of July 1732
warned to consider & do what might be proper in what the select men sh^d lay before
the town Relating to Mr Osborne Request for what he had done for James Harding Deacon
which was Considered but nothing voted. It also to the needy circumstances of M^{rs} Mable Smith
which was then determined to vote that M^{rs} Mable be desired to take the care of M^{rs} Mable Smith
Smith under her judicious circumstances to afford her all necessaries as to victuals & drink
that her weak & poor condition or circumstances requires for the term of one year next
coming & that he also afford her necessary Attendance as her circumstances shall require
and that he beyond for all the same out of the town Treasury also that he should order
M^{rs} Mable receive forty shillings out of the town Treasury to procure such things of the a
pothecaries as may be proper to mitigate her bodily infirmities.

also at the above d meeting viz July 10th 1732 voted in the morning of d meeting to
Consider the circumstances of Joshua Cook the same being Considered it was concluded to
vote that the select men sh^d draw fifteen pounds out of the town Treasury to discharge
Deacon John Dinkins demand for Debt of Joshua Cook under his late bodily ailments
and to discharge d Demand there with if possible they sh^d if they sh^d select men with
that fifteen pounds should discharge d Demand then to Return the same in to the
Treasury again. Entered by Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 3rd day of August 1732 held by adjournment from
the second day of August afores^d warned to Consider & do what might be proper to
be done for raising of money to defray the proper charges of d town: then made
choyce of Nathaniel Freeman for Moderator for d meeting & then concluded to vote that
the sum of twenty pounds be forth with raised by a Rate made by the
d towns assessors on the rates & Estates of the Rateable Inhabitants of d town as the Law
directs for paying so towns proportion of the County Rate for the year Current also for
paying the schoolmaster & other proper town charges that d town by Law is Required
obliged to answer & perform & that d assessors having made d Rate to deliver the list
Rate of to the Constables of d town to Collect & pay in the same in Current publick Bills & C^d.
viz to the Treasurer of d town or his successor in that office the one half thereof on or before
the last day of November next & the other half on or before the last day of April next 1733
voted to be so & entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

also at the above d town meeting viz August 3rd 1732
the forty shillings heretofore allowed for M^{rs} Mable Smith to buy Doctor things be drawn
out of the town Treasury by the select men of d town for the use of Doctoring M^{rs} Mable
Smith to Relieve her bodily infirmities. voted & entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the eleventh day of September 1732 warned to
make choyce of a suitable person to serve in office of Constable to ~~sup~~
the vacancy of d office having who Refuses to serve in that office not with
standing he was chosen thereunto In the month of March last past as also for
d town to do what may be proper for obtaining the fine of him who so
Refuses at d meeting Benjamin Hamlen was chosen to serve in the office
of a constable in d town the ensuing part of the year then also voted that
the select men or whome they shall appoint shall lay the matter of which
having Refusal to serve in d office of Constable before the next Court of gen^l
Sessions of the Bench in order for obtaining the fine of him as the Law directs
then also voted that the select men give order to the town Treasurer for
M^{rs} Mable Smith to draw thirty shillings a week of d town
Treasury for her Relief until the next town meeting
and d meeting was adjourned to. Entered by Joseph Doane
town clerk

32)
at a town meeting for Eastham the third day of October 1732/3 named to chuse Petit Jurymen for
October Court William Pine chosen Moderator for sd meeting then made choyce of Jurymen by
Cole John Knowls Junr Jeremial Smith Junr & Theophilus Pine for Jurymen for October
Court
Entered Joseph Doane Town clerk.

at a town meeting in Eastham the first day of January 1732/3
named to chuse Jurymen for the next court the third day of January of Jurymen by
Mr. Samuel Mayo chosen Moderator for sd meeting then made choyce of
Edward Knowls Samuel Doane Thomas Higgins & John Walker for Jurymen for
sd Court entered Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 12th day of March 1732/3.
named to make choyce of town officers for the year ensuing as also to do what
might be proper for dividing or orderly improving of the common lands or lands
in sd Eastham as also to do what may be proper for altering or discontinuing of a
way laid out by the selectmen and received at March town meeting Capt. John Knowls
nathaniel from Samuel Higgins bought to Blackfith creek opposite to Samuel Browns
mill as also to receive the land to be sold at Mr. Thomas Demonds for and at the
expended on the land during the time of his sickness as also to do what might
be proper to be done by the selectmen & also to chuse town officers
Grand Jurymen for the year ensuing & four Petit Jurymen for the same court

at which meeting there was chosen Jeremial Smith Junr & David Harding
for Grand Jurymen & then also made choyce of Thomas Doane Joseph Rogers
Israel Cole & David Young for Petit Jurymen

Edward Knowls being first chosen Moderator for sd meeting then sd meeting
was adjourned by vote to Monday next eleven of the clock being the 19th of March
also before sd meeting was adjourned Mr. William Pine was chosen agent
to appear for D. Towns before to answer D. Towns Petition to make a new
Court of Great Sessions of the Peace in the County of Barnstable

on the 19th day of March 1732/3

the town being assembled to make choyce of town officers as above expressed
then made choyce of Joseph Doane for town clerk
then also made choyce of Edward Knowls for town treasurer then made choyce
of Capt. Samuel Knowls Samuel Doane & James Rogers for selectmen
then made choyce of Israel Cole William Pine Samuel Doane Junr for assessors
then made choyce of Nathaniel Mayo Eliza Higgins & Jeremial
Mayo for constables for the year ensuing: then made choyce of Nathan Young
William Walker & Israel Young for tything men then made choyce
of James Rogers Jonathan Higgins Junr Jobiz Snow Samuel Freeman Junr
Eliza Drege Junr & Joseph Atkins for surveyors of ways then made
of Jonathan Smith James Smith & John Abbot for fence viewers then
made choyce of William Twining Jobiz Walker & William Correll for hog-
licenses then made choyce of Capt. Samuel Knowls Mayo Daniel Cole
Deacon Higgins & John Sparrow for negative men then made choyce of
Rogers Thomas for pound keeper all for the ensuing year and then the
meeting was adjourned to Monday one of the clock to sd meeting house

Nathaniel Mayo being present entered Joseph Doane Town clerk
excepted to leave in the office of constables then also gave a note in writing to Nathaniel
Doane constable of the names of all town officers chosen in order for him to signify them
to take their oaths as the law directed same Joseph Doane Town clerk

93) at a Town meeting in Eastham held the 26 of March 1733 by adjournment from Monday the 19th of March 1732/3 then Samuel Horton was chosen Constable and excepted then Joseph Atkins was chosen pond keeper for the north prairie
Entered for Joseph Doane Town clerk

March 26th 1733

Then James Rogers & Samuel Doane select men of the town of Eastham to gether with the assistance of Joseph Doane one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Barnstable ~~the~~ living in d town of Eastham Pursuant to an act made in the 11th year of the reign of King George Deceased entitled an act for supplement of an act entitled an act for highways made in the fifth year of the reign of King William & Queen Mary do hereby appoint unto the surveyors of d town their respective Divisions or Districts for mending or Repairing of highways of highways from time to time ^{in d town} lying within their respective Divisions which d surveyors are hereby to observe & to perform - That is to say the two surveyors residing ~~in the southerly part~~ of d town their part or Division for mending or Repairing of ways in d town is from the southerly part of d town from Horwich line northerly taking in the whole breadth of d town so far northerly till it comes to the flow called John Smiths gutter at the head of the Sever Swamp to the northerly side of and also that the two surveyors that line in the middle part of said town their part or Division for mending & repairing of ways d flow called John Smiths gutter northerward taking in the whole breadth of d town so far as to the first brook so called that a cross the highway southerward from Blackfish Creek and the two surveyors that line in the northerly part of d town their part or Division to mend & Repair d ways is from d first brook taking all the whole breadth of d town northerward to Grove bounds from sea to sea and this we determine under our hands the day & in presence of above d for the ensuing year & forward till a further order shall be determined

Entered on Record March the 26: 1733
for me Joseph Doane
Town clerk

James Rogers
Samuel Doane } select men
Joseph Doane Justice Peace

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 4th day of April 1733
Warrant to chose two Grand Jurie men & 4 Petit Jurie men for the next Superior Court of Judicature Court of assize & General Gaol Delivery -
Then Edward Knowles was chosen Moderator -
Then Edward Knowles & Samuel Doane were chosen to serve on the Grand Jurie and then David Doane Timothy Cole John Withers & John Barker were chosen Petit Jurie men to serve at said court
Entered for me Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 23 day of May 1733 was voted to make choice of a Man to Represent the town at the Great & General Court for the ensuing year - the town then made choice of William Paine for a Representative to serve the ensuing year: who accordingly accepted.

It being also inserted in the warrant for calling a meeting also to do what may be proper to allow or disallow of sheep of sheep going at large within the town of Eastham Nathaniel Freeman Esq. being chosen moderator for a meeting the matter being agitated in a meeting relating to sheep going at large to the great damage by them done some moving their going at large & some moving against it the moderator called for a vote whether they would allow sheep to go at large on the commons in the town & the vote passed in the negative.

entered Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 25 day of June 1733 to chuse Petit Jurymen for the Court of Common Pleas & general sessions of the Peace for the county of Barnstable on the first Tuesday of July next Nathaniel Freeman Esq. chosen moderator then chosen for a Jurymen Nathaniel Doane Ralph Smith Isaac Higgins Nathaniel Rogers.

entered Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 8th day of August 1733 was voted to agree upon raising of a sum or sums of money as should be judged needful for paying their Representatives & school master & for defraying other necessary charges arising in the town. There was also voted Nathaniel Doane chosen moderator for a meeting then concluded determined to raise the sum of one hundred & forty pounds for the ends & uses above said & that the officers for the town forthwith make a Rate on the poles & estates of the inhabitable in the town to pay the same & deliver the copies of such Rate to the Constables of the town for them to collect & pay in the same to the town treasurer or his successor the one half thereof on or before the last day of November next and the other half thereof on or before the last day of April next to be paid out as the laws direct for the uses above said.

entered Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham on the 9th day of October 1733 was voted to chuse Petit Jurymen for October Court & also chuse an agent to answer the towns Representation for not repairing of their ways. Nathaniel Doane chosen moderator then made choice of Deacon Jonathan Higgins moderator for a meeting then made choice of Israel Cole to answer the towns Representation made last January sessions for not repairing their highways.

then also made choice of Nathaniel Freeman jun. theophilus Paine Samuel Brown and Eliza Higgins jun. for Petit Jurymen for the next Court of common Pleas & General sessions of the Peace to be had at Barnstable the third Tuesday of October.

entered Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the eight day of January 1733/4 William Paine chosen moderator for a meeting then made choice for Jurymen for the next Court Samuel Freeman Israel Cole Josiah bearing Esq. William Workin. then also voted that twenty two pounds be paid to the town treasurer for what was due from Joshua Cook to Dea. Doane for what he had paid Cook in his late bodily ailment then also voted that the parish of Joseph Cole & theophilus Mayo determine where the school shall be kept in the next year. It was also voted that the remaining part of the school money be kept for making up the year's pay.

entered Joseph Doane town clerk

(95) At a town meeting in Suffolham the 4th day of March 1733/4 I was directed to
 warned to make choice of town officers for the following year viz. the land direct
 as also to grant unto Mr. Josiah Pines four lands in the Precinct of Bittlingsett
 also to do what might be proper to be done about killing black birds & also to
 chuse a fittable number of select persons to look after boys & disorderly persons
 on the Lord's days or time of Divine service & also to chuse two grandjurors for
 the following year & four men to serve on the Jury of Enquest at the next Court
 the town being accordingly assembled on sd day made choice of Edward Knowles
 for moderator then made choice of Joseph Doane for town clerk then then made
 choice of Edward Knowles for town treasurer then also made choice of Captain
 Samuel Knowles
 Samuel Doane
 James Rogers for selectmen: then at sd meeting made choice of

William Paine
 Israel Cole
 Samuel Doane junr
 Samuel Freeman junr
 & Eliphaz Deane junr for

Assessors

then made choice of
 Nathaniel Rogers
 & Josiah Jones for

Jury men

then made choice of
 Nathaniel Doane
 Ralph Smith
 Samuel Higgins junr
 William Walker junr
 Samuel Brown
 & Jeremiah Mayo for

Jurors

then made choice of
 Jonathan Smith
 Ebenezer Higgins
 Joshua Higgins junr
 & Thomas Bacon for

fence viewers

then made choice of
 Roger Thomas
 & Jeremiah Mayo

for pond keepers

then made choice of
 Richard Sparrow
 Joseph Mayo
 & John Cuswood for

Constables
 and Excise

then made choice of
 Samuel Doane
 John Smith
 Mecciah Snow
 & Jonathan Young
 & Joseph Cole for

for magistral
 men

then made choice of
 Nathaniel Higgins
 & William Lees for

hog Rieurs

then made choice
 of William Smith
 Theophilus Higgins
 William Walker junr
 Jacob Jones
 Eliza Hamlen
 & John Great
 to look after boys
 and disorderly persons
 on the Lord's day &
 time of exercise

then made choice for
 grand jurymen
 Jonathan Sparrow
 & Isaac Doane

then made choice for
 Petit Jurymen
 James Brown
 Edward Knowles
 John Walker
 & Joseph Pepper

Then as I was directed viz March 4th 1733/4
 the town being assembled unto Mr. Josiah
 Pines about eight or nine acres of the com-
 mon land towards the back side in the precinct
 of Bittlingsett for the first collection of
 four formerly let out & near to be sold to
 land out by the negative men & given in
 their hands to the town clerk to be received
 by Joseph Doane town clerk

at the above sd town meeting viz March 4th 1733/4 then concluded & voted that all
 and every of the inhabitants of the town of
 Suffolham that shall on or before the last day
 of June next carry in to any or either of
 the select men of the town of Suffolham any
 number more or less of old crows heads or
 young crows heads or black birds heads or young
 black birds heads or blue birds heads or young blue
 birds heads such select men or selectmen so Re-
 ceiving the same shall give a certificate of the
 number of such person & the number of old
 & young heads so received to the town tre-
 asurer upon the Receipt of such certificate
 shall pay to the person there in named six pence
 out of the town treasure for every old crows
 head & three pence for every young crows head
 three pence for every old black birds head & one penny
 for every young black birds head three pence for
 every old blue birds head & one penny for every
 young blue birds head according to the number
 in such certificate entered in Joseph Doane
 town clerk

at a town meeting the 11th day of March 1733/4 then concluded & voted that Edward Kinneely
town treasurer & precinct treasurer should have allowed him two pence half penny on the pound
for all such money that he received in & paid out again of the towns money & received
money for one year next coming. ^{that by vote of a general meeting of the town & precinct} Entered by Joseph Doane town clerk.

At a Town Meeting In Eastham the first day of April 1734 Warrant to chouse Grand Jurie:
men & Petit Juriesman for the Superior Court of Judicature Court of Affize & General Goal
delivered to be Rorden at Barnstable for the County of Barnstable & Dits County on the 14th
day of this Instant April then chosen Moderator for sd Meeting Mr William Parise
then made chouse of Nathaniel Mayo & Ralph Smith for Grand Jurie men
then made chouse of John Freeman Joseph Roger James Roger Jonathan Smith:
for Petit Juries

at a town meeting in Eastham the 13th Day of May 1734 turned to Charles
Reynolds to serve for & Represented Town at the great & Generall Court at
Boston & also to do what might be proper for exchanging some lands laid out
for the Indians with Samuel Smith for some of his lands in another place as also for
Granting to Nathaniel great a small parcel of land in the precinct of Billingsbet
also to do what might be proper for the Regulating the Improvement of the common
meadows & ferge ground in sd town then the town made choyse of Mr William
Parine for Representative then also voted eight acres of land in the precinct of
Billingsbet to be laid out as the negative men shall think fit most convenient
and upon their Returns to the town clerk to be Recorded to him
+ then also voted that upon the Indians Request laid before the town that sd town
shd exchange the former land laid out at James his neck for the use of the Indians for
some land of Samuel Smith as the negative men shall judge Equivallent to that in
sd James his neck & that sd Negative mens Report under their hands of sd land at James
his neck to the town clerk the same shall be Recorded to d Smith on Condition that
that d Smith give unto d Negative men a Deed of Conveyance of the land of his so
exchanged well executed for the use of d town & that d land so granted from d Smith
shall be Recorded for the use of the Indians of d town as the other land at James his
neck before was then d meeting by vote of the moderator called for Marmaduke
Knowles was adjourned to the next meeting house in Eastham this day the 13th of
May at the clock in the forenoon to consider of the proposals then presented
and to do what is proper Relating to sd proposals Devereux Knowles chosen moderator for d meeting
the 13th of May 1734

at the adjournment of the town meeting held at the midwintering house in
Eastham. On the third day of June 1734 they voted & concluded that all the com-
mon land owned by the town of Eastham laid out by sd township
committee to Recd in sd towns book of Records be all the common land laid out
and granted be committed to Recd by the proprietors of the common land in
Eastham all heretofore shod be & remain to each & every person to whom the
same is so respectively Recorded so, by them their heirs or assigns Respectively for
ever.
Therefore voted & entered Joseph Doughton Town Clerk

by also then at sd town meeting it was voted & determined that the agreement made
by the Town of Eastham & the Township of Eastham entered in sd towns
book of Records in folio 140 and 141 under the date of July 1694 shall relate to the
ordering & disposing of Common & undivided lands in sd Eastham that before the future for
ever extended according to the true meaning & intent thereof & be the only Rule to Regulate
order Grant or Dispose of any Common Land Medow or Hedge ground in sd Eastham for ever
hereafter. Nathaniel Freeman Chosen moderator for sd Meeting the next year before
said being voted & entered Joseph Doughton Town Clerk

Disposal of common land by lease

97)
at the afore^d town meeting held by adjournment at the middle meeting house in Eastham the third day of June 1734 voted that Capt Samuel Shurtleff formerly Col Ralph Smith & David Doane shall be a committee to make proposals to ^{the} town what may be proper Relating to the ordering managing & Improving the common & undivided meadows & sedge ground in Eastham & to make their Report at the adjournment of ^{the} meeting then ^{the} meeting was adjourned to Monday next to Receive & receive the Report & to act about the premises as they shall judge proper
Entered Joseph Doane town clerk.

at a town meeting In Eastham the tenth day of June 1734 at the middle meeting house in ^{the} Eastham held by adjournment from the third day of June 1734 to Consider & do what might be proper for Regulating the improvement of the common meadows & sedge ground in Eastham and ^{the} town accordingly being assembled at the above ^d meeting viz June the tenth 1734 then proposals to be made & concluded that the town will ^{take} now do In consideration of five pounds money ^{to be} paid to ^{the} town By Ralph Smith David Doane James Rogers & Thomas Mayo do lease out all the common & undivided meadows & sedge ground belonging to & lying within the township of ^{the} Eastham from this day untill the last day of May next (excepting only that part which was allowed to particular persons for fencing in Muffet fields) so as no one person or persons what so ever shall during ^{the} term enter upon or cut or improve any of ^{the} common meadows or sedge ground without the order & leave or license of the lessee and to observe such order for cutting & times of cutting on ^{the} common meadows & sedge ground as the above ^d lessee or lessees shall direct in the vote being severall times called for for the above written Edward Knowles then moderator for the above written & then a vote for the same in his observation
Entered Joseph Doane town clerk

at the above ^d meeting viz June the 10th 1734 then the town by vote made choice of Nathaniel Freeman Elfr & Deacon Edward Knowles to be Agents to lease out the common meadows & sedge ground to Ralph Smith David Doane James Rogers & Thomas Mayo pursuant to the vote of ^{the} town at this meeting the vote being called for by the moderator was at last decided by the poles & then appeared to be a vote in the affirmative
Entered Joseph Doane town clerk

at a town meeting at the south meeting house in Eastham on Wednesday the 24th day of June 1734 voted purely to Consider & do what might be proper for perfecting the leasing out all such common & undivided meadows & sedge ground in ^{the} town as they shall judge proper & convenient or such considerations & limitations & for such term of years as they shall think proper also to make choice of an agent or agents to take security from and give a lease of ^{the} common & undivided meadows & sedge ground in ^{the} town behalf to such lessees as shall see cause to take a lease thereof for such term of years consideration & Restrictions as ^{the} town shall determine and also to make choice of an agent or agents to prosecute such person or persons in the law as do contrary to laws cut or carry away any sedge hay or grass from or off ^{the} common or undivided meadows or sedge ground belonging to & lying within ^{the} town of Eastham and to do what is proper in the year 1733 & also to do what is proper to enable ^{the} agent or agents to prosecute as afore said. and ^{the} town being accordingly assembled the 24th day of June 1734 made choice of Edward Knowles for moderator for ^{the} meeting & then entered upon the consideration of the premises & after deliberate consideration determined that all the common & undivided meadows & sedge ground lying in & belonging to ^{the} town of Eastham (excepting only a small parcel at Muffet fields already leased the improvement to some persons for fencing in Muffet fields) shall be hired out & leased to some particular person or persons of ^{the} town not exceeding fifteen years for the sum of ten pounds a year to be paid in by the lessees yearly & every year unto the ^{then} treasurer of ^{the} town or his successor in that office for the use of ^{the} town as ^{the} town from time to time shall see cause to order

3) The same and it is hereby concluded & determined that Samuel Knowles junr & Joseph Smith junr & David Doane shall be agents & accordingly & each of them shall be chosen agents in & for the behalf to give a lease of sd common & undivided meadow & sedge ground not exceeding fifteen years to such Responsible person or persons of sd town as sd agents shall judge proper & also to take sufficient obligatory bond or bonds or promissory notes of such lessees for to oblige them to perform the conditions thereof in every particular especially to oblige them to pay in yearly & every year unto sd town Treasurer or his successor in that office the sum of ten pounds in payable public bills of credit annually on or before the twenty-fourth day of June each & every year during the term of such lease for the use of sd town as afore sd & that upon failure of the performance of all or each or either of the conditions of such obligatory bond or bonds or promissory notes so given sd town Treasurer or his successor in that office is hereby directed & empowered by sd town to sue for & Recover the forfeiture of such obligatory bond or bonds promissory notes or engagements of such lessees from time to time for the use of sd town as afore sd & that sd agents in taking such security of sd lessees take special care to restrain sd lessees from making any other improvement of any of sd common & undivided meadow or sedge ground but only for mowing except that persons only lying between great Hampstead & the great meadow on the western side of sd town & also that sd lessees shall not live out or let to any one in sd town on any account whatsoever but only to such as are the above male inhabitants of sd town of Eastham who are now arrived to twenty one years of age & upwards & so from time to time during the sd term shall arrive to twenty one years of age & such widows inhabitants of sd town and that have houses in sd town & also to such others as are the Lawfull Rightfull Proprietors of of sd common meadow & sedge ground the above written being several times audibly Read in sd meeting & considered the Moderator called for a vote to determine whether the town then present would conform the same & the vote passed very closely in the affirmative being thus passed for sd Joseph Doane town clerk

to be kept and not altered
Decred for 14 years

then also at the above sd meeting Samuel Doane James Rogers Thomas Mayo and Nathaniel Mayo all of Eastham appeared to take a lease of sd meadow & sedge ground pursuant to sd towns determination above voted, of & from sd towns agents for the term of fourteen years next coming & sd town then present voted that sd agents should lease out sd common & undivided meadow & sedge ground to the above named Samuel Doane James Rogers Thomas Mayo & Nathaniel Mayo for & during the term of fourteen years next coming pursuant to the above determination
being voted - entered for me Joseph Doane town clerk

4) At a town meeting in Eastham the 24th day of June 1734 wanted to chuse 4. Petit Jurymen for next July court & one Grand Jurymen for the year ensuing then made choice for petit Jurymen Robert Young junr Joseph Smith junr John Knowles junr & James Smith then also made choice of Nathan Young for grand Jurymen for the year ensuing. entered for me Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 6th day of August 1734 wanted to do what might be proper in raising money to pay the towns schoolmaster & defraying other necessary charge arising in sd town & to do what might be proper for Rectifying a mistake in Ebenezer Freeman's word lib at Billingsgate Edward Knowles then clerk of sd town for sd meeting then the town concluded & voted to raise the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds shold be by the assessors of sd town raised on the rate & list of the inhabitants of sd town as the Law directs for the use & ends above sd & that the list of a ratifier the same be delivered by sd assessors to the town Treasurer or his successor in that office to collect & pay in the same to the town Treasurer or his successor there of on or before the last day of November next & the other that for or before the last day of April next - entered for me Joseph Doane town clerk
then at the above sd meeting concluded & voted that the next year men viz & Rec-tifier the 11th of the month of June for the same word lib at Billingsgate out of the common & Billingsgate as in their judgment shall be right & what they shall do in that matter to make Report to the town clerk to be recorded. entered for me Joseph Doane town clerk

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 October 1734 at a town meeting then warned to chuse Pettie Jurie men
 for October Court Samuel Freeman jun chosen Moderator then made choyce
 John Withereel Joseph Cole Theophilus Higgins & John Harding just for Jurie
 men for October Court
 then Received the Report of Samuel Freeman jun & Joseph Smith
 who were appointed to Audit the towns expenses acct^s who made Report
 under their hands in writing that on the 14th day of September 1734 they
 audited acct^s with sd Treasur^r & finding sd acct^s Right Cost as well as
 account finding sd Treasur^rs hands twenty seven pounds nineteen shillings
 and seven pence & out standing with the several Rate Constables forty two
 pounds seven shillings & nine pence
 Entered for me Joseph Doane Town clerk

Attempt for a County

At a town meeting in Eastham the eleventh day of November 1734 warned to
 make choyce of one agent or agents to meet the agents of Haverich Town Chatham
 & Province town at Captain Samuel Knowles his house in Eastham on Wednesday the
 thirteenth of November aforesd then & there to do what is proper in sd Town of Eastham's
 behalf in preparing & laying a petition or Memorial before the Governor Council
 and Representatives in general court assembled in order for obtaining the aforesd
 five towns to be a new County distinct from the County of Barnstable for such Reasons
 as may be given the sd Town of Eastham being accordingly met & made choyce of Edward
 Knowles - for Moderator for sd meeting then proposed & by a unanimous vote
 made choyce of Mr William Rains Capt John Knowles Mr John Rich Agents for sd Towns behalf
 to act & do what might be proper in all things Relating to the premises.
 Recorded Entered for me Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 15th day of January 1734/5
 then made choyce of J^r Biss John jun Joseph Higgins John Shaw Theophilus Paine
 for Petie Jurie men for the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Generall
 Sessions of the Peace to be holden in & for the County of Barnstable on the third
 Tuesday of January Instant Deacon Higgins chosen Moderator for sd meeting

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 10th day of March 1734/5
 warned to chuse all town officers for the year ensuing ^{of Bank} ^{to allow or}
 disburse of severall ways laid out by the selectmen of sd Town as also to over-
 see the sinking of the towns money in Mr Withereel Paines hands & the
 remainder out of the town treasury to make up the towns County tax as or-
 dered by the County Treasur^r & for sd Town to do what may be proper to re-
 lieve the precinct of Bellingham then was held this pre sent year for passing
 the school matter also for chusing pettie Jurie men for next Court & grand Jurie men
 Mr Edward Knowles being chosen Moderator for sd meeting

then the town made choyce of Joseph Doane
 for town clerk & then chose Edward Knowles

for town Treasur^r
 then Capt Samuel Knowles
 Samuel Doane and
 James Rogers chosen
 select men

then Stephen Garrison
 Thomas Abbot
 & Ebenezer Dyer
 chosen Constables

then Jonathan Sparrow
 Nathaniel Smith and
 Eliza Hamlin
 chosen Tything men

then Samuel Cole
 Samuel Doane
 & Johna Higgins jun
 chosen Assessors

then Samuel Doane Joseph Cole Daniel Smith
 Ebenezer Higgins Eliza Edgejourn
 and John Withereel chosen Assessors

Then Jonathan Smith
James Smith and
Benjamin Freeman
chosen fence viewers

Then Roger Thomas
Joseph Atkins
chosen pound keepers

Then Nathaniel Snow
John Smith
Samuel Doane
Deacon Higgins
Jonathan Young
chosen negative men

Then Eliza Young
Eliza Higgins chosen
by Reeves

Then David Young jun
Thomas Mayo and
Eleanor Hamlen chosen
letter sealers

Then Nathaniel Doane
and Joseph Smith chosen
grand jurymen

Then Samuel Doane
David Doane
Thomas Mayo
and William Twining
chosen petit jurymen

entered Joseph Doane town
clerk
Then William Prime was
chosen surveyor of the

also at a town meeting the 15th of
May 1735 it being inserted in the
warrant for calling a meeting to
what might be proper in charging a
constable to serve the year ending
in the town of one that was chosen
in March town meeting last past
that refused to serve.
and at then Thomas Hollands was
chosen constable
also it being inserted in the warrant
for calling a meeting to consider
and do what might be proper for
granting a parcel of land to
Brown. it was then that Joseph Brown
house stands in case the negative men
also it.

then at the fore town meeting voted that Mr
William Prime should draw out of the town treasury
two pounds eighteen shillings & five pence to make up
what he has already in his hands of the towns money the
towns County Rate & that he pay in the same to the
County treasury being the towns proportion of the last
County Rate so as to discharge the town.

then also voted that the precinct of Billingsgate shall
draw out of the towns treasury their proportion of the
money that they paid in to the treasury to wards the
towns schoolmaster the last year Rate & also their
proportion of the charge of making the new position
East in the last year entered Joseph Doane town
clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 14th day of
April 1735 voted to choose grand jurymen and
Petit jurymen for the next Superior Court of Judicature
Court of Assize & General Goal Delivery
Capt. John Knowlton being chosen moderator for
directing then made choice of Samuel Freeman jun
Israel Cole for grand jurymen then also made
choice of Nathaniel Freeman jun Thomas Brown Samuel
Brown for James Higgins for Petit Jurymen
entered for Joseph Doane town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 15th day of
May 1735 voted to choose a Representative to represent
the town in the General & General Court at Boston
the ensuing year then Ralph Smith was chosen
Representative.
also Nathaniel Freeman was chosen moderator
for a meeting to be held in the summer
for calling a meeting to do what might be proper
for encouragement for killing blackbirds & crows &c
voted that the same Jurymen be provided
of the town treasury for killing crows blackbirds &c
black birds as was paid out last year at by the vote
of a town at a town meeting the 1st day of March
1733 & that the same Rules & orders be observed
as in that vote was to be observed until the next day
of June next coming
it being also inserted in the warrant for calling
a meeting to do what might be proper for allowing
the towns assessors to draw out money out of the
treasury or allowing them so much as to cover the
charge of the tax like they had with Edward
Reiswick voted that the assessors shall make
use of fifteen pounds nine shillings & five pence
of the money in the last year being improved by
the town to pay a charge & the remainder if any
be in their hands be paid in to the Town treasury
entered for Joseph Doane town clerk

Read & of Dry Church

At the afore named Town meeting, the 15th day of May 1735, v^oted that Joshua Brown shall have laid out & Recorded to him about one acre of land where his Dwelling house now stands in case the negative men shall see cause to lay out & allow the same.

At a town meeting in Eastham June 16: 1735 v^oted to chouse a grand Juriman for the year - ensuing in Nathaniel Dornes Room also to chouse two petit Jurymen for the next Inferiour Court of common pleas & General sessions of the Peace also to do what might be proper in granting liberty to Mr Samuel Mayo and Israel Doane to shut up a way or lane between their lands on the easterly side of the dry swamp then Samuel Doane chosen moderator for a meeting then made chouse of Judah Rogers - for grand Juriman for the ensuing year then also made chouse of John Parine & John Bee — — for petit Jurim men to serve on the Jury of tryals at the next Inferiour Court of common Pleas & Court of General sessions of the Peace then also v^oted that Mr Samuel Mayo & Israel Doane shall have liberty to goyn & shut up the way or lane between their lands on the easterly side of the dry swamp by fence enclosing the same. *

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 13th day of August 1735 v^oted to Raise money for what shall be due from sd Town & Relieving the poor the for sing year & to do what might be proper in taking a new Bond of the Leases to Rectifie what was wanting in the former bond by then giving &c Edward Knowls chosen moderator for a meeting then v^oted to raise one hundred & fifty pounds on the poles & estates of the Rateable estates of the town of Eastham to be paid in as last year then v^oted that Mr William Parine & Mr Israel Cole do audit the town Treasurers accounts & Make Report the next town meeting also then v^oted that the former Committee or agents chosen to take security of the town Leases that took a lease of the common & undivided meadow & ground in the year 1734 shall take a new Bond of sd Leases & men from defects in the former bond & that at sd Leases Reynell & that a new bond be taken with conditions according to the vote of sd Town v^oted at a town meeting the 24th day of June 1734 enterd J^{me} Joseph Doane town Clerk

Common land leased & the adjacent

At a town meeting in Eastham the 2nd day of September 1735 to do what might be proper to over view out of the town Treasury to enable the Leases of the towns common or undivided meadows to prosecute an action or actions against those that have cut & carried away grass off from sd common meadows or sedge ground contrary to the direction of sd Town to sd Leases or contrary to the obligations sd Leases are under to sd Town & also for sd Town to do what might be proper in granting a small parcel of land to Joshua Brown near sd Browns Dwelling house between the precinct of Bridgell &c and such ways & passages through sd land as said Town shall think fit Edward Knowls being chosen moderator for a meeting then v^oted that the Leases of the common & undivided meadow or sedge ground shall draw out money out of the Treasury for to enable them sd Leases to bring forward an action in the Law if needfull against any Trespassers that has trespass upon the afore sd common meadow this present year also at the aforesd meeting v^oted that Joshua Brown

103/ I should have that parcel of common land where his house was standing on the
westerly side of the publick Road between the head of stumpy meadow & that branch
of Duck creek meadow that lades up to Grofs his body so called whometo hold Brooks
land or so much there of as the negative men or major part of them shall think fit
always allowing a convenient way throughsd common land to the sd his Brooks
land & meadow within by suitable gates or bars to be Recorded by the town clerk
provided the negative men or major part of them Return their approbation
ford Brown to have the same.
* entered by Joseph Duane town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 14 day of October 1735 I went to chuse petit
jurie men & one grand Jurie man for the sannis of the next Court &c and also to
chuse a committee to sell the town scholl then made choyce of Samuel Duane
for moderator forsd meeting. then made choyce of Jonathan Lind for Grand Jurie man
then made choyce of Thomas Rich junr and Isaac Pepper junr for Petit Jurie men
then made choyce of Capt John Knolls Samuel Duane William Walker junr
Isaac Biggins Daniel Smith for a committee to sell the town scholl
entered Joseph Duane town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 5th day of January 1735/6
went to chuse 4 Petit Jurie men to attend the next Court of Common
Pleas & General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Barnstable the 11th
day of this month then made choyce of James Rogers — for moderator
at a town meeting then also made choyce of Robert Young junr Thomas Brown
Jonathan Duane & Ephraim Young for Petit Jurie men
entered by Joseph Duane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham, March 1735/6
the year ensuing the annual meeting Edward Knowles was chosen Moderator for that
meeting then the town projected
and made choice of Joseph Doane
for town clerk

Edward Knowles town treasurer

Samuel Doane junr } assessors
Israel Cole and
Joshua Higgins junr }

Mecciah Snow } selectmen
Jeremiah Doane
Benjamin Higgins }

Joshua Treat } tythingmen
Christian Beniah
John Atwood }

Samuel Higgins junr } surveyors
Jeremiah Smith junr
William Walker junr
Eliphaz Higgins senr
Israel young
Joshua Brown }

Jonathan Mayo } fence viewers
Jonathan Doane
Glauc Pierce }

James Higgins } constables
William Covell junr
John Smith }

Capt Samuel Knowles } regoblemen
Capt John Knowles
Deacon Jonathan Higgins
Jeremiah Freeman junr
Samuel Doane senr }

Roger Thomas } pound keepers
Jeremiah Mayo }

Robert Young } hog Rieves
Joseph Mayo
Joseph Atkins }

William Pine surveyor of flax

Thomas Mayo } sealers of leather
David young junr
Eleazor Hamblen }

Israel Mayo corner of road

Yabiz Snow surveyor of birds shingles
and clabber

David Doane } to look after children
Samuel Doane junr } on the Lords days
William Smith
Theophilus Higgins }

Then also at meeting ground fire
men for the
year
William Workah
William Mayrick }

Then Glauc Pierce } Petie Govier men
John Knowles } for the next years
Joshua Snow
Nathaniel Smith }

entire of Joseph Doane town
clerk

born to look for unpurchased land

At a Town meeting for Eastham the nineteenth day of April Anno Domini 1736
warned to make choice of an agent or agents to make due enquiry whether being lands
either upland meadow land, ledge ground, flowing flats or beach within the bounds of the town
of Eastham that sd town hath the grant to Purchase that hath not been by sd town purchase
Purchase & if upon due search any just is found to make Report there of to sd town to take
Towns directions about the same that so sd town that hath the sole Right to Purchase
thereof may proceed to Purchase the same for the use & improvement of sd town their
heirs & successors for ever & also for sd town to order John Mendenhall out of sd towns Treas-
ury to answer what has been engaged to the Register for Copies of two Deeds to discover
a private Contrivance against sd towns Right & privilege in their lands to gratify a
few to the Lawyers that have been enlisted to engage & flout for the towns Interest & time
spent about that matter is also to do what might be proper for the encouragement of killing
Black birds the town being accordingly assembled made choice of Captain Samuel Knowles
Moderator for sd meeting & then the town made choice of Captain Samuel Knowles &
Mr Ralph Smith to be agents for sd town to act in all matters Relating to the pre-
mises & also voted that Joseph Doane Elger should be assisting to sd agents in showing them
the towns Deeds & Records & giving Copies as need then also the town voted that the sum
of five pounds should be drawn out of the towns Treasury for sd agents to answer charges &c
Relating to the premises.

entered p Joseph Doane Town clerk

also at the above sd meeting it was voted that every person & persons of the town
of Eastham should be allowed to paid out of the towns Treasury by the towns Treasury three pence
per head of every old Black birds led & one penny for every young Black birds led known to be such
and six pence for every old Crows led & three pence for every young Crows led known to be such
killed in this town this year until the last day of June next that shall be carried into the
selectmen or either of them to be paid by sd Treasury upon the Receipt of a Certificate from
the selectmen or either of them the number of birds being inserted by such selectmen or
selectman

entered p Joseph Doane Town clerk

51 At a town meeting in Eastham the 19th day of April 1736 warned to chuse
Grand Jurymen & petit Jurymen for the next Superior Court of Judicature
Court of assize & General Goal Delivery then made choice of Capt Samuel Knowles
for moderator for sd meeting, and then chose Mr William Parine & Mr Ralph Smith
for Grand Jurymen & also then chose Timothy Cole, Israel Cole, John Swiller and
Josiah Harding for Petit Jurymen for sd Court & then also voted that Melitabell
Smith should draw ten pounds out of the towns Treasury for her support under her
indigent circumstances it being inserted in the warrant for calling sd meeting for
the town to consider her circumstances & to find her relief

entered p Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 16th day of June 1736 warned to chuse Petit Jurie
men for the next Court of Sessions the first day of July next then
made choice of Deion Liggins for moderator for sd meeting then made choice
of Nathaniel Doane & Thomas Knowles — for Petit Jurie men for sd Courts
Joseph Doane Town clerk
Then also voted that Samuel Doane & Samuel Freeman jun should Rectifie
the mistake in the bounds of a parcel of land granted to John Mulford on the
southerly side of his meadow called Smalls meadow at the latter meadow

To give legal claim to an condition & to give legal claim to an condition

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 16th day of June 1736 the Town having received & read the Report of their Agents. Namely Captain Samuel Knowles and Mr Ralph Smith who were chosen Agents by sd Town at a Town meeting in Eastham the 19th day of April last past in this present year 1736 for & in behalf of sd Town to make due inquiry whether there was any lands either upland meadow and fudge ground flatts or beach within the bounds of sd Town of Eastham that sd Town hath the Grant to purchase that has not been by sd Town purchased & if upon due search any such is found or not found to make Report thereof to sd Town and so take sd Towns further directions about the same &c and sd Agents by there Report have made ~~one~~ one search into the premises & find none unpurchased. Now therefore sd Town further direct their above named Agents that if in case of John Higgins Nathaniel Doane & Israel Cole will & do give signe seal & before some one Justice of the Peace proper to take the acknowledgment thereof acknowledge & deliver unto sd Agents for & in behalf of sd Town an instrument in writing under their hands & seals in the Judgment of sd Agents sufficient in Law to make null & void forever a clandestine & illegal Deed of Conveyance which they the sd John Higgins Nathaniel Doane & Israel Cole took of Huse Goby bearing Date the third day of March 1735 in consideration of one hundred pounds in hand paid by them to sd Goby as sd Deed expresses in which sd Deed of purchase by them of sd Goby is comprehended were one third part in value of all the lands in sd Township of Eastham which hath been formerly lawfully purchased by sd Town & their predecessors & has been quietly possessed & enjoyed since the year 1666 that then the sd John Higgins Nathaniel Doane & Israel Cole upon their executing such Instruments as above shall by sd Town forgiven their offence in making sd illegal purchase & that sd Town will overlook the same as done through inadvertency but if they the sd John Higgins Nathaniel Doane & Israel Cole shall neglect or Refuse to make void their abovesaid in such manner as above express then sd Agents are hereby directed by sd Town to proceed against sd Higgins Doane & Cole in such way & manner as may be proper in their Judgment to make void in Law sd illegal Deed of Conveyance & not to suffer the same to Remain or Record without being made void so that sd Town may be quiet from their incursions in being so disturbed & disturbed so unjustly in their (otherwise) peaceable & quiet possessions of their lands & inheritances lawfully acquired.

At the abovesd Meeting the above written being severall times read upon calling a vote there for unanimously ~~made~~ ^{read} in the affirmative

Entered for Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham on the 26th day of July 1736 to Raise money to pay the Towns Schoolmaster & other necessary charges arising in sd Town both on one account & another & also to do what may be proper for having a Schoolmaster &c voted that the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds be Raised on the poles and estates of the Rateable Inhabitants of sd Town for the use aforesd one half thereof to be paid in on or before the last day of November next to the Treasurer of sd Town or his successor & the other half on or before the last day of April next and that the select men of sd Town do procure a suitable Schoolmaster at their best discretion voted & entered for me Joseph Doane Town clerk

also then Israel Cole was appointed to agree with some suitable person to hire the meeting house & take care of the same

at a town meeting in Eastham convened for the inhabitants of said town in and for the law
 Direct to assemble at the next meeting house in said Eastham on Wednesday the 6th day of
 of October 1730 to chuse two lawful men to serve on the justice of byells of the
 next court of byells on the petit jury &c. as also to chuse a juror &c. and also
 to order money to be drawn out of the towns treasury to prosecute those that have
 trespassed on the towns common meadows &c. & to settle the leases for their trouble
 and to Rectify and supply out of the towns common land what is wanting in James
 Browns wood lot &c. at which said meeting Nathaniel Rogers was chosen moderator and
 then those of the town present made choice of Nathaniel Rogers & Nathaniel Brown
 for Jurymen & Nathaniel Mayo for Juror & Deacon Edward Knowles chosen
 and at said meeting the 6th of October 1730 voted that Samuel Doane James Rogers
 Thomas Mayo & Nathaniel Mayo Esqs of the common and sundry meadows to be
 given in possession should draw out of the towns treasury the sum twenty pounds money
 to manage actions against those that have trespassed on the common meadows &c.
 in said Eastham & to draw out of said treasury ten pounds thereof to prosecute at the next
 court of common pleas to be held at Barnstable on the third Tuesday of this Instant
 and the Remainers as they shall have occasion to prosecute those that have trespassed is a
 fore so & that said leases lay their debts of their charges before said town for allowance of
 what shall be Reasonable and to allow said leases what of sum shall be reason-
 able for their trouble & time in receiving in & paying out the money they Receive of
 those advised to cut on said commons, also at said meeting it was voted that the negative
 men should lay out to James Brown somewhat of said towns common land as in their judgments
 shall be sufficient to make up what is wanting in said Browns wood lot land on the
 ward of the her of Blackfish creek in the late Division of lands said Browns paying said men
 for their time & trouble
 Entered for me Joseph Doane town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the third day of January 1736
 voted to chuse 4 Jurymen for the next court & also to deliver
 the towns treasury to deliver to the lessee of the common meadow the
 former bond in his hands that the said lessee gave upon his said treasurers Receipting
 the color bond signed by said lessee now in the hands of Capt Samuel Knowles &c
 Deacon Edward Knowles was chosen moderator for said meeting
 then the town at said meeting made choice of Samuel Doane & Isaac Doane Jr.
 & Joseph Paine & Joseph Higgins for Jurymen then also voted that
 the towns treasury should deliver said former bond to said lessee & Receive said
 bond signed by said lessee for the towns use
 Entered for me Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the seventh day of March 1736/7, I was ordered to choose all town officers for the year ensuing as the laws direct & require to do what might be proper for appointing a suitable person to take care of & manage the forth meeting house with all the additions thereto & to choose Grand Jurymen for the year & petit Jurymen for the next court &c. Edward Knowles chosen moderator for a meeting
Joseph Doane was chosen town clerk
and Edward Knowles chosen town treasurer
and Capt John Knowles
Lieut John Freeman
& Ralph Smith chosen } select men

William Smith
William Sicker jun
& Eliza Edrege jun chosen } tything men

James Rogers
Jonathan Smith
Samuel Doane
Eliza Higgins
Eliza Edrege jun
& John Atwood chosen } surveyors of ways

Israel Mayo
Gabriel Snow
Ebeneser Freeman chosen } fence viewers

Then James Brown chosen constable and paid his fine to the town
Then John Smith
Joseph Atkins
& Christopher Rernick chosen constables

Jonathan Higgins
Guthrie Higgins jun
Gabriel Snow
Samuel Doane
& Isaac Pepper chosen } negatimemen

Roger Thomas
Jeremiah Mayo chosen } pound keepers

Robert Young
Eliza Higgins
& William Cove } hog Rievers

David Young jun
& Joseph Smith } Sellers of butter

William Paine surveyor of the tax

Isaac May caretaker of wood

Ralph Smith surveyor of town shingles and clabbins

all entered by me Joseph Doane
Town clerk

Then at the aforesaid meeting made choice of Theophilus Higgins and Daniel Mayo for

Grand Jurymen for the year
Then also made choice of
Joseph Smith
Isaac Perce
of Thomas Linsell
Guthrie Higgins jun } for petit Jurymen for the next courts

Then also voted that John Smith should be paid ten shillings for summing persons to bring in their weights and measures to be tested

Then also voted that Deacon Edward Knowles as town treasurer & Receiver of the money should have three pence on the pound for the money he receives in 3 days and

Then at a meeting viz March 7th 1736/7 should be paid forty shillings for taking care of & managing the forth meeting house with all the additions thereto & for longing for the space of one year from the time he first began his office

Then also made choice of
John Freeman
Samuel Freeman jun
Samuel Doane jun } Town assessors

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 11th day of April 1737
 turned to chuse a grand jury man & a Justice of the peace from the superior court of
 Judicature which was offered to General Hole Deputie to be holden at Barnstable for
 the County of Barnstable & Dukes County on the 1st of May if the Justice of the peace
 to do what might be proper for ordering & executing the same. It was then
 Resolved that has been laid out to supply & Rectify a mistake in case and laid
 out & Recorded to give 38 acres in the late Division of land in Eastham Town
 being accordingly assembled Made choice of James Rogers — for moderator for
 said meeting. and then made choice of Nathaniel Mayo & David Dwyer
 for Grand Jurie men: & then also made choice of Benjamin Higgins & James Knowles
 for Justice of the peace. Then voted that the 3^d parcels of land returned by the committee sh^d be returned to the
 wood lot formerly laid out to Silas Wixom
 entered by me Joseph Dwyer Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham on Monday the 9th day of May 1737 turned to chuse
 Depute a person to Represent the Town at a great & General Court at the Court house in
 Boston on Wednesday the 25th of this month &c.
 as also to lay before the Court a list of the names of those persons qualified by Law to serve
 on the petit Jurie of the County of Barnstable to an act entitled an act for the better Regulating
 appointment of petit Jurymen.
 as also to consider what might be proper to be done about the light years tax of
 the year hearing Decree.
 The town being then assembled Made choice of Mr. William Davis for Moderator
 for the time then made choice of Nathaniel Mayo & Eliza for Moderator for the other town
 business at said meeting then the select men laid before the town at said meeting a list of the
 names of the persons qualified & liable to serve on the petit Jurie by a list bearing date
 the 27th day of April 1737.
 then also voted that the year hearing Rates for the two years past sh^d be augmented
 then also voted that the light years Rates of Joshua Harding Decree sh^d be augmented.
 entered by Joseph Dwyer Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 28th day of June 1737 turned to
 53 chuse a Grand Jurie man in the Room of Daniel Mayo who was in his
 fine last Court North from Mr. Eliza Moderator for said meeting then
 Isaac Perce was chosen Grand Jurie man for the ensuing year

June 28th 1737 being the day appointed by the major part of the
 select men & town clerk of the town of Eastham and notifica-
 tion given as the Law directs for drawing of names on tickets for
 petit Jurie men for the next Court on the 1st of July of this year.
 The names in distinct tickets was then drawn out of the box
 in the presence of the select men & other inhabitants of said town
 by me Joseph Dwyer Town clerk

In Eastham the 10th day of October 1737 then every way pursuant
 to Law Joshua Higgins his name on the ticket drawn out of the box
 and Stephen Sparrow name on the ticket was drawn out of the box
 to serve for Petit Jurie men at the Court of Common Pleas & Court
 of General Sessions of the Peace at the next Court in County on the 1st
 day of this Instant
 entered Joseph Dwyer Town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 15th day of August 1737
 was ordered to consider & determine upon Raising money for the necessary
 charges that shall arise in said town the ensuing year Edward Knowlton moderator
 then voted to Raise money the sum of two hundred pounds on the poles
 and estates of the inhabitants of said town as the laws direct by a Rate forth
 with to be made for the same by the assessors one half thereof to be paid
 in for the town Treasurer on or before the last day of November next
 and the other half on or before the last day of April next
 then also voted that James Higgins late Constable be acquitted of
 and from the House Mages Rate
 Entered pr Joseph Dorne town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 15th day of August 1737
 was ordered for said town to consider & do what might be proper in directing
 the selectmen of said town of Eastham to lay a petition before the General Court
 praying that two of the Inferiour Courts of Common Pleas & Gen-
 eral sessions of the Peace for the County of Barnstable may be yearly
 held in Eastham for the County of Barnstable for the Reasons to be given
 there. Town then assembled made choice of Mr Edward Knowlton moder-
 ator for said meeting & then entered upon the consideration of the premises
 and considered the great distance that the town of Eastham & other neigh-
 bouring towns that lay so far down upon the Cape are from the place
 where said Courts are held at Barnstable for said County so near the western
 end of said County which causes such great expence & loss of time to
 Jurymen & all obliged there so far to attend at Courts. Do humbly con-
 ceive that if that if two of two of said Inferiour Courts of Common
 Pleas & General sessions of the Peace might be yearly held in Eastham
 for said County it would be a great Relief to Jurymen that they thereby would be
 in some good measure relieved to support their Respects & ministers
 and pay their other Incumbent charges this what may be further ordered
 we do now determine & accordingly direct the selectmen of said town of
 Eastham as soon as may be with convenience to exhibit a Petition to
 the General Court in said towns behalf Praying for the Reasons filed & such
 others as may be given that said General Court would order two of said Inferiour
 Courts of Common Pleas & General sessions of the Peace for said County may
 be yearly held in Eastham being several times held, & voted to be
 entered & awarded Entered pr Mr Joseph Dorne town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 10th of October 1737 was ordered to choose
 a constable to serve in the town of Joseph Higgins who refused to serve constable
 Cap^t John Reynolds chosen moderator for said meeting Barnabas Young was
 then chosen constable

111) At the fourth meeting in Eastham the 9th Day of January 1737/8 being appointed as the Town directs to draw Notes or Tickets for Petit Jurymen for the then next Court at Barnstable Notes were then accordingly drawn by the Town Clerk in the presence of the selectmen & the Jurymen who were to be present & the names for the four men then drawn were Thomas Mayo Richard Mayo Joseph Mayo Samuel Darnest

At a town meeting in Eastham the 9th day of January 1737/8 Deacon Edwin Knowles chosen moderator for said meeting then voted that Edwin Knowles & sons be appointed to see into the furrows of James Brown wood lot to the northward of Blackfish Creek and to make Report of the furrows of said lot at the next town meeting in order for said lot to have a conditional amendment if the furrows there of require it out of the undivided lands in said Eastham then also voted that John Walker & James Brown be allowed thirty shillings out of the towns Treasury for the charge they were at to go to obtain a copy of the General Court which precinct in said Eastham they should pay their Rates

Elected Joseph Dune Town Clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 13th day of March 1737/8 was voted to chuse all town officers for the ensuing year Deacon Knowles - then chosen moderator for said meeting as also to do what might be proper to be done about the North precinct having returned to them their proportion of 21 acres they had been voted to have the towns scholars suffer that the lot be returned to do what might be proper in not raising of that precinct for the future to do towns scholars suffer to allow them their proportion of time in said school as also to do what might be proper for chusing an agent or agents to agree with the agents of towns which about raising the Jurymen of said Eastham for lands of theirs lying in said Newich also of said Newich mens lands lying in said Eastham as also to do what might be proper about away in the great neck that is shut up to the damage of that neighbourhood as also to do what might be proper for killing of blackbirds

Then at a meeting for town officers for the ensuing year was chosen for town

54 clerk Joseph Dune

for negative men Jonathan Higgins
David Smith David Dune Capt. John Knowles

for town treasurer Edwin Knowles

for pound keepers Roger Thomas
Jeremiah Mayo

for selectmen Samuel Dune James Rogers
Samuel Freeman junior

for Rog Rieves William Markin
Samuel Brown
Samuel Boston

for surveyors of ways Nathaniel Rogers
Elipha Higgins Elipha Edgejunt Richard Farrow
Joseph Mayo & Joseph Atkins

for sealers of leather Joseph Smith
David Young junior

for fence viewers Nathaniel Dune John
Frederick William Walker junior Joseph Mayo John
Abner & Daniel Mayo

for town assessors John Freeman
Samuel Freeman junior
Samuel Dune junior

for Constables Wm Knowles Constable & scribes
Richard Mayo & scribes
Thomas Higgins junior

for surveyor of flood
William Perine

for fighting men David Higgins James Smith
John Abner

at a town meeting. In Eastham the third day of April 1728 I was to charge
2 Grand jury men for the Court of assize & Genl Gule delinery to be held at
Barnstable for the County of Barnstable & Dukes County on the first Tuesday of
this Instant then Ralph Smith - Chosen moderator for the meeting
then Samuel Dacus junr & Thomas Beaton was chosen Grand Jurymen for the Court
at the same time proficient to law was Richard Brown forpet Jurymen to
Richard Brown III of the Higgins Barnstable to serve at the Superior Court of
Judicature - Court of assize & Genl Gule delinery to be held as above

Governing Petition of North Precinct

at a Town meeting in Exmouth the 15th day of May 1738 at the ^{considering} meeting the petitioners
it being inserted in the warrant for calling a meeting for a Town to determine what might be thought
proper in answer to a petition presented to the Great & General Court by the Inhabitants of the
North Precinct in Exmouth to be set off in to a Township as might be seen in a copy of a peti-
tion which they were ordered to serve the Town of Exmouth with a Town being assembled at the
time & place aforesaid then chose Capt. Samuel Knowles Moderator for a meeting, the copy of
a Petition being Read & considered by a Town a Town then made the following objections against
complying completely with the petition (1st) for that what the Petitioners ask for in their peti-
tion is near if not altogether one half of the lands in reference of the whole Township of Exmouth
and that in the south part of a Town is two settled Ministers & two churches & congregations which
a two ministers must be credibly supported & if the petitioners full asking be granted the south
part of a Town will left under such feeble provisions as will be able to support what they
have engaged to do & perform. (2^d) what the Petitioners ask for will take in all the families
lies that by the Great & General Court were exempted from paying to the North Precinct
ministry & to weaken the remaining part of a Precinct Town (3^d) that the only Harbour
that the ancient Town of Exmouth have or can have to harbour their vessels taken in
loading or unloading goods either to or from Meskit is Silver Spring Harbour & the Petitioners
in their asking include to will take away a Harbour for an ancient Town (4th) the only
place a Precinct Town hath to fit Towns for whaling is Billings Beach point where the whole
houses now stand & the Petitioners asking will include taking away that also so that a Town can
not without innumerable damage comply to the Petitioners large Petition for large exempt
all which was according then voted by a Town to be entered

entered by me Joseph Dorne Town Clerk

Meeting line should be first brot

that they were willing so far to gratify the neighbours of a North Precinct for them to
come so far southward for their Township as the fresh Brook that crosses the Publick Road
by Benjamin Cooks dwelling house thence up to the Brook side as far from the place where
a Brook crosses a Road westerly as a Brook runs down in to Silver Spring Harbour & so down
westerly along the inside of the Harbour to Billings Beach where the whole houses stand re-
serving the same free privilege to the a Town of Exmouth of sitting down for whaling on
Billings Beach point where the whole houses must stand & getting of Oysters in Billings Beach
and parts as here to fore & their dividing line will leave in to the ancient Town of Exmouth
those families that by the General Court were exempted from paying to the North Precinct
ministry when the a Precinct was granted give a have the ancient Town of Exmouth the
privilege & benefit of part of a fit spring harbour & with the above liberty of sitting down
on a beach point for whaling & getting of oysters in a bay where a Town is willing to comply
all which was according then voted by a Town to be entered

entered by me Joseph Dorne Town Clerk

at the above a Meeting viz May 15th 1738
then the Town made choice of Mr William Paine for their agent to appear for a
in behalf of a Town at the Great & General Court to be held at Boston on the last
Wednesday of May current & at a Court from time to time as need shall be to lay
before a Great & General Court what a Town have voted concerning the North
Precinct in Exmouths Petition for a Township & further to say & do what may be
proper & reasonable Relating to the premises voted to be entered

entered by me Joseph Dorne Town Clerk

at the above a Meeting viz May 15th 1738 then Mr William Paine was
chose Representative for a Town entered by me Joseph Dorne Town Clerk

at the above a Meeting voted that the selectmen of the Town should
make or direct as what is proper to prevent persons going a-barge yearly from the first
day of August to the last day of October & to present the same to the next Court of
Court sessions of the Peace for allowance entered by me Joseph Dorne Town Clerk

114) At a Town meeting in Eastham the 22nd Day of May 1738. Writing to D^r which might be proper to words mending James Brown lot ^{not shown from Blackfish Creek} ^{in an arrow} ^{Commis} lying out the same as also to D^r what might be proper in changing the Town way at the great neck that goes over the flogh by Israel Higgins his house for the way that David Doane has stoped up & also with Benjamin Cook & Prince Collins & Israel Cole chosen moderator for d meeting then voted & concluded that the major part of the Negative men be a committee to bound out d way northward from the house that formerly was John Withers at the great neck over the bridge or flogh of the pond so for northward till it comes close of all Demands or imbrigle-ments of any ^{particular} person or persons & to bound out d way & to draw a reasonable Deal of the lands in d way for that David Doane Benjamin Cook & Prince Collins to sign & acknowledge of their Rights in & to the lands in d way for d negatve men to Re-ceive for & in behalf of & for the use of d Towns Inhabitants & their Successors for ever In consideration of somuch of d Towns Common lands to each one of d grantees land but & severally bound to them as shall be a Reasonable Compensation for the lands in d way in the Judgment of d Negative men & upon their d grantees so signing and acknowledging d Deed of conveyance to d Towns use as above d Town to make d parcels of common lands to d grantees to them their heirs & assigns Respectively for ever, also at the abovesd meeting voted that the Major part of the Negative men lay out so much of d Towns Common lands to James Brown to make up what is wanting in his lot northward from the head of Blackfish Creek in such place or places as may be convenient for him to make up his d lot Equivalent to other lots in the same Division as also so much of d common lands over & above as will answer the charge of laying out & Reclaiming the same & to bring in the account of all the same to the Town clerk to be Recorded to d James Brown his heirs & assigns for ever
Attest & me Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 9th day of August 1738 was voted to Raise money sufficient for the support of the poor & to pay necessary charges arising in sd town & also to do what is proper to wards securing noisland from being destroyed by Cattle going there on & also to do something to prevent Capt John Knowls his cattle from going over from his land to town so called & the undivided land within their jurisdiction their choice Deacons Edward Knowls moderator for sd meeting then voted to Raise on the poles and estates of the Rateable Inhabitants of sd town for the emendation the sum of two hundred pounds one half thereof to be paid in to the town Treasurer the 1st day of April next & the other half on or before the 1st day of April next then also voted that Samuel Daine Samuel Daine jr of them to keep up a sufficient fence to keep Cattle going on noisland beach for the year ensuing until March next to prevent sd beach from being broken and destroyed & for their service shall have the Liberty & privilege of the common ledge growing on noisland which was not before out for their own use this present year, then also voted that the selectmen of the town be a committee to go & view the grapevine swamp & form common land there & the circumstances of it lying within the jurisdiction of Josiah Harding & Joshua Cook Deceased & set out as much by measure & bounds as shall be to sd Josiah Cook & his heirs in order to be granted by sd town by the consent of the next meeting also to lay out a way suitable to the entering place in sd swamp & to make Report of sd things the charge of laying out sd swamp & land to be paid by by them if the town grant it voted & entered by Joseph Doane town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 9th Day of October 1738 warned to do what is proper in choosing a committee or agents to goyn with the heirs of Lieut Joseph Knowl Deced^d to settle a bound of the wood lot of land laid out to sd Joseph Knowl in the year 1715 at the head of the fresh brook that cross^d the creek by or publick Road that leads to Billingsit, at the head of sd brook at the place where the committee that laid out sd lot prefix^d the place where they laid out sd lot then to see for the bound in that place for sd lot Capt^d Samuel Knowl chosen moderator for sd meeting the town then at sd meeting made charge of Joseph Doane Esqr Captain John Rowland & Mr James Rogers to be agents in sd towns behalf to goyn with the heirs of sd Joseph Knowl Deced^d to settle a bound at the head of sd brook at the place where the committee that laid out sd lot then determined the place at the head of sd brook to be the bound in that place for sd lot & when sd agents have sd one to Report their doings in writing under their hands to the town clerk of sd town to be by him put to Record in sd towns Book of Records of lands to be the bound in that place for sd lot voted by sd town at sd meeting.
 enterd per me Joseph Doane town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 9th Day of October 1738 warned to do what is proper to be done a part a parcel of land laid out to Mr Thomas Smith now Deced^d for part of his plain lot in the year 1715 = Capt Samuel Knowl chosen moderator for sd meeting then entered upon the consideration of that matter as follows: Whereas in the laying out of lands in said Eastham in the year 1715 sd then lay out to Mr Thomas Smith now Deced^d one parcel of land for part of his plain lot in that Division lying between the other land of sd Smith & the land that formerly was William Mayricks on the north side of the town Cove so called which sd parcel of land the sd Thomas Smith in his last Will & testament bequeathed to his son Jesse Smith, & not withstanding John Smith of sd Eastham for time before sd exchange sd parcel of land with the sd town of Eastham for land in another place where his house now stands yet the children of the sd John Smith do challenge sd land by virtue of an entailment to them from their Deced^d great father Thomas Williams by his last Will & testament to the end & intent that Right & Justice may be done to sd Jesse Smith and to any person he the sd Jesse Smith shall dispose of sd land into as he is now about to do the town in sd town meeting considered & concluded & voted that they sd town will secure & bear harmless & indemnified any such person his her or their heirs & assigns forever that sd Jesse Smith shall convey sd land unto in all respects the above written being Read & Considered was then voted by sd town in sd town meeting.
 enterd per me Joseph Doane town clerk

January 2: 1738/9 Warned out of the box for petit Jurymen for next Court John Doane Benjamin Higgins James Smith & Thomas Atwood

At a Town meeting in Safford the 14 day of March 1738/9. was made
 choice of all town officers for the year ensuing to chuse Grand Jurors for the
 year & Petit Jurors for March Court & Grand Jurors & Petit Jurors for the
 for the Superior Court Court of assize & General Court Delivery & to what is now
 for fencing in Nufflet Beach & for putting away laid out by the selectmen at the
 Greenfield then chosen for moderator for said Town meeting Edward Knowles
 then chose for Town Clerk
 Joseph Doane

for Town Treasurer Edward Knowles

for select men Samuel Doane
 James Rogers
 John Rich

for assessors John Freeman
 Israel Cole
 Stephen Garrison
 Jonathan Doane
 Samuel Smith

for surveyors Jonathan Smith
 Samuel Higgins junr
 Joseph Mayo
 William Walker junr
 Silvanus Snow
 & John Young

for fence viewers Jeremiah Mayo
 Samuel Brown
 David Doane
 Benjamin Higgins
 Joseph Cole
 Samuel Horton

for Constables Joshua Hopkins
 William Mayrick
 Eleazar Atwood

for fighting men John Cole junr
 Eliza Higgins junr
 Israel Young

for Road Keepers Roger Thomas
 Jeremiah Mayo

for hay Rieves Eliza Young
 Eliza Higgins
 Eleazar Atwood

for scallars of labor Joseph Smith
 David Young junr

for negative men Jonathan Higgins
 Capt Samuel Knowles
 John Snow
 Samuel Doane
 Capt Samuel Smith

for Grand Jurors for the County this
 year Barnabas Swining
 Joseph Smith junr

Petit Jurors for Baffable Court
 Josiah Harding
 Joseph Snow
 Christman Remick
 Edward Knowles junr

for the Superior Court Grand Jurors
 Israel Doane
 Joshua Knowles

for the Superior Court Petit Jurors
 Ralph Smith
 Joseph Cole
 Nathaniel Doane
 Samuel Brown

To look after Boys in the meeting houses
 on Lords days Chosen William Smith
 Samuel Doane junr
 entered for me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

at the above Town meeting viz March the
 14: 1738/9 Delivered & voted that Samuel
 Doane David Doane Samuel Horton Joseph
 Mayo Thomas Atwood & Jonathan Doane
 should have the yearly improvement of the
 Judge ground at Nufflet field that was not
 leased out for the term that the
 other Judge ground & fields are leased out provided
 and on condition they fence & keep off all
 Cattle & hog kind from going on Nufflet field
 from time to time & at all times during all
 said term entered for me Joseph Doane
 Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 14th Day of May 1739 warned to chuse a Representative to also Justice in the court for warning & meeting to do what might be proper for shutting up the lane between the land of Mr Barnabas Freeman & the land of Josiah Walker by gates or bars Deacon Edward Knowles chosen moderator for said meeting. Then made choice of Mr William Rime for Representative. Then also voted that the way that leads from Samuel Freeman Jun^r to the commons be allowed to be shut up at such and by convenient gates to pass through during the Towns Pleasure.

Entered by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

June 18th 1739 the Petit Jurie men then drawn out of the Box to serve next July courts were Jineon Doane & David Mayo

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 6th Day of August 1739 warned to consider about raising of money for the support of the Poor of the Town & about the other Town charges for the ensuing year & settling that matter about the common land to give wine for the Deacon Edward Knowles chosen moderator for said meeting. And then at said meeting the Town gather informed the Town that there was of the former year in the former Rates outstanding in the former Constables hands two hundred and twenty four pounds which was concluded would be enough for the support of the poor & pay the schoolmaster & other Town charges the ensuing year & therefore concluded to raise no money more on the Town for that occasion the year would be ended by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the first day of October 1739 warned to chuse two Petit Jurie men to serve on the Jurie of tryals at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas & court of General sessions of the Peace to be held at Barnstable the third Tuesday of this Instant month of October — Chosen moderator for said meeting & then was chosen for Jurie men Isaac Depper & Josiah Great

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 7th Day of January 1739 at 1740 warned to chuse 4 Petit Jurie men for the ensuing Court of Common Pleas and General sessions of the Peace to be held at Barnstable Deacon Edward Knowles chosen moderator for said meeting then chose for Jurie men Deacon Edward Knowles Joseph Smith Josiah Higgins Jun^r & Jonathan Mayo

118) At a Town meeting in Enslham the 10th day of March 1739/40 we were to chuse a town clerk constables select men & all other town officers as the law directs for the ensuing year &c and also to chuse two grand jurie men for the year & also to chuse four Petit Jurimen for the next Inferior Court of com: mon Pleas & Court of General sessions of the Peace to be held at Barnstable for the com: of Barnstable the third Tuesday of this Instant March Edward Knowles then chosen Moderator for said town meetings.

Then was chosen Joseph Doane
Town Clerk and other town officers as follows

Edward Knowles Town Treasurer

Israel Cole
Stephen Sparrow
and Jonathan Doane } Town assessors

Nathaniel Doane
Samuel Higgins junr
Joseph Mayo
Samuel Higgins
John Abwood
Daniel Cole senr } Jurors
of ways

Robert Young junr
Samuel Higgins junr
Joseph Mayo
John Abwood
Daniel Cole senr } fenceviewers

Joshua Great
Elisha Higgins junr
Daniel Mayo paid
his fine } Constables

Nathaniel Doane
Samuel Doane junr } Tything
men

David Young
Israel Abwood
John Abwood } hog Reers

Roger Thomas
Jeremiah Mayo } Town Keepers

Joseph Smith
Robert Young junr } Leaders of
Lether

William Walker junr
Ebenzer Freeman } to inspect the
Lether killing
of Deer

David Doane
John Rich
Benjamin Cook
John Holbrook junr } Petit Jurimen

James Smith
Daniel Cole junr } Grand Jurimen

Samuel Doane
James Rogers
John Rich } select men

Jobiz Snow
John Freeman
Samuel Knowles
Jesse Doane
James Rogers } Negative men

At a Town Meeting in Enslham the
14th day of April 1740. we were to chuse
Grand Jurimen & Petit Jurimen for the
Superior Court of Judicature Court of
Common Pleas & General Goal Delivery to be held
at Barnstable for the County of Barnstable
and Dukes County on the last Tuesday of
this Instant Ralph Smith chosen Moderator
for said meeting then was chosen for
Grand Jurie men
John Freeman
Jonathan Smith } Grand Jurie
men

Jonathan Doane
Samuel Doane junr
Jonathan Sparrow
Jullomon Pepper } Petit Jurie
men

At a town meeting in Eastham the 21 day of May 1740 warned for the particulars to be attended as in the warrant for calling a meeting express ~~then made~~ choice of William Paine Esqr to serve for the Representative town for the following year on Repose & town in the Great & Generall Court or assembly appointed to be held at the Court House in Boston for His Majesty's service upon warning the 28 day of May current then made choice of Coll = John Knowles for moderator for meeting.

At a town meeting in Eastham the 21 day of May 1740 being warned in part for that purpose Coll John Knowles chosen moderator for meeting. Then ^{deliberated} voted that the select men ^{of the town} on the major part of them take a valuation in their judgment of the Damage done in & to the town by the sea fires winds & tempests destroying such great quantities of their meadow ground & lands of firewood & fencing stuff by flood fire & tempests ~~in their land in order for him to lay~~ the same under their hands to the Representative of the town in order for him to lay the same by Petition before the Great & Generall Court for their consideration for in a Petition of the town which was read

At the same meeting above & voted that William Paine Esqr & Mr Joseph Cole shall from time before the town meeting for Raising money next on the town & present audit the town's expenses & account & present expenses account and make Report there of at a town meeting for Raising money as of a & entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the second day of June 1740 warned to chuse a constable to fill up the vacancy in the north precinct & for allowing for leaves to be shut up by convenient gates to ports & Repose where it may not be to much prejudice to Capt Samuel Knowles chosen moderator for meeting then made choice of Joseph Young for constable for the ensuing year then also considered & voted to shut up the lane between Justice Doane's land & the land of Samuel Young by a suitable gate for passengers for carrying & other ways none living within to turn their sheep out & gate & none living with out & gate to turn their sheep in & this to continue till the town shall order other ways.

At the same town meeting considered & voted that the gates already made to lanes shut up by the meeting house & by Moses Bixbee & near Joshua Hopkins's & Jonathan Smiths be continued till the town shall order other ways none that live within & gates to turn their sheep out & none that live without to turn their sheep in

5th At the same town meeting considered & voted to fence a cross the way from the easterly corner of Jeremiah Smith's land to Capt Isaacson's land & from Deacon = Samuel Freeman's land to the ministerial land & a cross the lane by the barren brook with convenient gates at each place to pass & Repose with carts for all persons cattle & horses during the going pleasure & no longer.

Entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

* Deacon Knowles was chosen moderator for meeting. At a town Meeting in Eastham the 17th day of June 1740 warned to reconsider & do what might be proper for making void and null what passed at a town meeting in Eastham the second day of this instant June Relating to fencing a cross the highway or common Road between the land of Capt Samuel Freeman's land & the land of Jeremiah Smith and also a cross & Road between the land of Deacon Samuel Freeman & the ministerial land & also the way or lane by the herring pond & it was then accordingly considered & voted by the inhabitants of the town at a meeting that the above highway & lane should not be shut up by fencing a cross as aforesd. Being voted is entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

At a Town Meeting in Eastham the 17th Day of June 1740
to chuse two Petit Jurymen to serve at the Inferiour Court of Common
Pleas & General Sessions of the Peace to be held in & for the County of Barnstable
on the first Tuesday of July Deacon Knowles — Chosen Moderator for said meeting
then made choyce of Deacon Edward Knowles Chosen — for Petit Jurymen

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 17th Day of June 1740 ^{was} to do what
may be thought proper & beneficial for Rectifying the voad that passed at a
Town meeting in sd Eastham the second Day of June last for stopping up
a cross the high way or common Road between Mr Webb's Land & the Land
of Deacon Samuel Freeman's Land & a cross the high way from Capt. Freeman's
Land & Jeremiah Smith's Land & a cross the same way by Josiah Harrings house
or near thereabouts & also to chuse a constable for Billingsget precinct & also
Deacon Edward Knowles — Chosen Moderator for said meeting.

what is proper for Rectifying the Ministerial voads at Little Billingsget
Abiah Loring then Chosen constable to fill up the vacancy

sd Abiah Loring by Reason of much bodily Infirmitas as was made evident
at sd meeting was by voad of sd Town then & might the Town proceeded to a
New choyce then made choyce of Ephraim Covee Chosen Constable

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 17th Day of June 1740 was to do
what is proper in Rectifying the Ministerial Lot of meadows in the north
Precinct in Eastham that is much destroyed by sand & it is as much as it is
of absolute necessity that something be speedily done to Rectify that mat-
ter that so the Reverend Mr Leases may Reap ~~the~~ his Benefit there
as was intended it is accordingly Considered & it is determined
that Capt Samuel Knowles & Mr James Rogers two of the Negative men
go to Billingsget & see if any Meadow there can be obtained in any Rea-
sonable manner & if so for them to bound out the same if any exchange
can be made of any person there to make Report of their doings at the
next Town meeting In order for the sd Towns Leases to give a quit-claim
to sd Town of such of their best meadows that may be exchanged for other
meadows for the use of the Ministry their be for such other person to give con-
veyance of any part of his meadow to the Town for the use of the Ministry
these & for him to exchanging to Receive a quit-claim from the Town there-
of & the sd Leases be kept harmless in quitting their claim
their voads were entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 11th Day of August 1740 was to do what might be proper in
Raising money to support the poor & the school
and other necessary charges that shall arise & also to do what might be proper
in choosing a Constable in the north Precinct Deacon Edward Knowles Chosen
Moderator for said meeting the Town being informed from the Town Treasurer that
there was money outstanding in the former Constables hands to supply that
maker did not proceed to Raise money then at sd meeting made choyce of Ephraim
Covee for one of the Constables for said Town for the ensuing year
entered Joseph Doane Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 15th Day of September 1740 was to do what
an agent to take a Deed in sd Towns behalf of Ebenezer Freeman of a piece of
his meadows in order for sd Town to grant the same for the use of the Ministry in the
North precinct in Eastham Edward Knowles Chosen Moderator for said meeting and
then made choyce of Capt Samuel Knowles for said agent
Received by Joseph Doane Town Clerk

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 At a Town meeting In Eastham the 13th day of October 1740 warned to chuse two Petit Jurors
 = men for the next Court of common pleas & General sessions of the Peace to be holden at Barnstable
 &c. and to chuse agents to Rectifie a mistake in laying out of lots in the Great meadow of which
 Capt Samuel Knowles & James Smith are now concerned with them made choyce of Mr Ralph
 Smith for moderator forsd meeting & then made choyce of Christian Benich & Jonathan
 Higgins junr for Petit Jurors. and so herecs a parcel of meadow in the Great
 meadow formerly granted by the Revd Mr Samuel Great to Mr John Paine grow in
 the Right of James Smith & he complaining that in the laying out of common me-
 dows in sd Great the sd Towns Committee did infrig upon & take away part of his
 sd meadow by laying out part thereof in to a lot then laid out now the lot of Capt
 Samuel Knowles, vnted that William Paine Elger & Mr Joshua Higgins junr
 be a Committee or agents forsd Town to go on the spot & see whether the Towns
 Committee in laying outsd Common meadow there have taken away any part of
 Smiths meadow there in to that Common lot there laid out now belonging to sd
 Capt Samuel Knowles. & if any then shew much to make Report thereof at the
 next Town meeting in order for the Town then to chuse a Committee to lay out
 so much Common meadow or sedge ground to the person injuried to Rectifie that
 error that so the he may have his Just due & if there be no defect found in that
 the Committee formerly did then the Compliment James Smith to pay the charge of
 the Committee now sent to vices & make Report
 Entered by me Joseph Dorne Town Clerk

At a Town meeting In Eastham the 19th day of November 1740
 warned to chuse a Town Treasurer to supply the vacancy made by the
 Death of Edward Knowles late Town Treasurer. then made choyce of Samuel
 = Freeman junr for Town Treasurer. and Capt Samuel Knowles moderator
 forsd meeting. then also choyce of Samuel Freeman & Joel Cole junr the
 former Treasurers accounts & make Report thereof to sd Town. also that
 said Samuel Freeman take care that Mr Webb have the Remander of his
 fire wood procured for the year.
 Entered for me Joseph Dorne Town Clerk

59 At a Town meeting In Eastham the 12th day of January 1740/41 warned to
 chuse 4 Petit Jurors to serve on the Petit Jurie at the next Court to be holden at
 Barnstable for the County of Barnstable on the third Tiding of this Instant
 John Freeman choyce moderator forsd meeting then forsd Jurymen made choyce
 of Capt Samuel Knowles Elisha Freeman Thomas Beacon & William Knowles
 Entered for me Joseph Dorne Town Clerk

January the 7th 1740/41 then John Doane of Eastham gave notice in writing to me Joseph Doane Town Clerk of the Town of Eastham that on five days before he the said John Doane had found & took up on the Backside shore in said Town of Eastham One Pack of Cotton wool & two yards of bleas large cloth & also then & there found a small part of a bow of a vessel the owner of all which is not known and prays the directions of the Law may be attended Relating to the same. January 7th 1740/41 then the above information was in a Book - entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

January the 8th 1740/41 then John Knowls of Eastham gave notice in writing to me Joseph Doane Town Clerk of the Town of Eastham that on the third day of said January he found & took up on the back side shore in said Town of Eastham one pack of Cotton wool the owner of which is not known & prays the directions of the Law may be attended Relating to the same. January the 8th 1740/41 then the above information was entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk and then also at the same time the said John Knowls having notified me as Justice of the Peace of said lost goods I then gave out an warrant to Israel Mayo & Joshua Doane for the suppressing the same the charge there of being 0-4-6.

January the 8th 1740/41 then Benjamin Higgins of Eastham gave notice in writing to me Joseph Doane Town Clerk of the Town of Eastham that on the third day of said January they found & took up on the back side shore in said Town of Eastham one pack of Cotton wool the owner of which is not known & prays the directions of the Law may be attended Relating thereto. January the 8th 1740/41 entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

March the 10th 1740/41 then Samuel Doane jun^r of Eastham gave notice to me Joseph Doane Town Clerk of the Town of Eastham that on the fifth day of March Instant he then found & took up on the Backside sea shore in Eastham afore^d one piece of woollen cloth the owner not known March the tenth 1740/41 then the above information was entered as the Law directs By me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 9th Day of March 1740/41 voted to chuse all Town officers for the ensuing year as the Law every ways directs us also to chuse Comy Treasur & Register of Deeds & also to Receive the Committee Report Relating to the former Town Treasurers acc^{ts} & to distribute what may be proper, as also to do what is proper for chusing a Committee out of each part of sd town to proportion sd town into three equal parts according to the number of families in order for each part to have their equal part & proportion of time & benefit like of sd towns schoolmaster for the future & for each particular part in sd town to order the Remuneration of sd schoolmaster among themselves so as may be to their own benefit peace and comfort Israel Cole being first chusing moderator for sd meeting the town then proceeded to the work of the sd meeting as in the warrant for calling sd meeting was expressed and first Joseph Doane was chosen town clerk & sworn

Then Samuel Freeman was chosen Town Treasurer & it was voted to allow him three pence on the pound for Receiving in & paying out sd towns money

Then chuse for Town officers } Israel Cole
 } Stephen Freeman
 } Jonathan Doane

Then chuse for select men } Samuel Doane
 } James Rogers
 } John Rich

Then chuse for Surveyors of ways } Maurice Doane
 } Samuel Higgins junr
 } John Knowlton
 } Ebenezer Freeman & John Higgins

Then chuse for Tything men } Joseph Smith in the town
 } William Walker junr
 } John Atwood

Then chuse for fence viewers } Theophilus Mayo
 } William Knowlton
 } Daniel Mayo

Then chuse for Constables } Ebenezer Freeman & John Doane
 } each of which declared their Refusal to serve
 } Then chuse William Trimming
 } Ebenezer Higgins & Ebenezer Atwood

for negative men then chuse } Deacon Jonathan Higgins
 } Capt Samuel Knowlton
 } Samuel Doane
 } John Freeman & John Snow

Then chuse for leaders of tithes } Joseph Smith
 } & David Young junr

for Surveyors of shingles } Thomas Bacon
 } Johnnon Pepper

Then chuse for officers to look after Relating to Deer } Ebenezer Freeman
 } & William Walker junr

for bug Bices } Israel Mayo & Joseph Pepper

for pound keepers } Roger Thomas &
 } Jeremiah Mayo

for flounders or field drivers } Israel Cole &
 } Samuel Doane junr

Entered Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 9th Day of March 1740/41 then was chosen for the Committee to proportion sd town into three equal parts according to the number of families in order for each particular part in sd town to have their equal parts or proportion of time & benefit alike of the sd towns schoolmaster for the future &c. and then for sd Committee was chosen Capt Samuel Knowlton Samuel Freeman junr & John Rich. Entered Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting the 9th Day of March 1740/41 then the Town of Eastham made choice of Samuel Freeman junr and Israel Cole to make Repts. Report of their Audit of the accounts of Deacon Edward Knowlton late Town Treasurer Deceased as in their Report expressed wherein they declare that on the first day of December 1740 they examined and cast sd Treasurers accounts & found them Right & well vouched & there is Remaining in the Treasury due to sd town one hundred and twenty five pounds sixteen shillings & six pence and out standing in the several Constables hands one hundred & eight pounds thirteen shillings & nine pence which Return & Report of sd Freeman & Cole was read & accepted. Entered Joseph Doane Town clerk

At a Town meeting the 9th Day of March 1740 then made choice of John Knowlton & John Rogers for Grand Jurymen for the ensuing year and then also made choice of John Freeman, Israel Cole, John Higgins junr & John Rich for Petit Jurymen for the next Courts at Barnstable. Entered Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 30th day of March 1741 voted to chuse 4
Petit Jurymen & 2 Grand Jurymen for the Superior Court of Judicature Court
of Assize & General Goal Delivery to be held at Barnstable for the County of Barnstable
and Dukes County on the fourth Tuesday of April next then was chused Moderator for
said meeting Mr Ralph Smith
Joseph Smith Seth Knowls Prince Collins & Moses Bixbee
then also was chused for a Grand Jurymen Samuel Doane & Liezer Freeman
entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 18th day of May 1741 voted to chuse
a Representative then made chuse of Coll John Knowls for their Repre-
sentative to Represent them at the Great & General Court &c.
entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 18th day of May 1741 voted for that
purpose first made chuse of Capt Samuel Knowls Moderator for said meeting
the Towns Committee that was chused at the Town meeting March the 9th
1740/41 Namely Capt Samuel Knowls Samuel Freeman Junr & John
Rich then dealed under their hands in writing their dividing the sd Town
in to three equal parts according to the Number of families for settling the
Towns school-master in each particular part or division according to equal propor-
tion which sd Division is as follows. The Northernmost Division Consisting of
one hundred & three families is to the Northward of the Brook that runs down
to the Southward of David Browns & Richard Cooks houses. The middle Division
Consisting of one hundred & three families is from sd Brook Southward of David Browns
and Richard Cooks taking in all the families with Johna Higgins Junr & all that
live to the Westward side of the way that leads to Norwich so far as to Parkin David
Higgins Lieut John Freeman with Capt Samuel Knowls Junr and the southerly
Division Consisting of one hundred & three families is the Remaining parts of families
in sd Town being the southerly part of sd Town.

and at the above sd Town meeting viz, May the 18th 1741 it was then voted
concluded & determined that in the Northern sd Division in sd Town that Capt
Samuel Smith Deacon Eliza Doane Isaac Higgins Ebenezer Atwood & Daniel
Mays shall be a Committee with one of the select men of sd Town to settle the Towns
school-master in that Division so as may be most convenient for the whole Respec-
tively.

Then also at the above sd Town meeting viz, May the 18th 1741 it was then voted
concluded & determined that in the middle Division in sd Town Capt Samuel Knowls
Samuel Freeman David Doane Jonathan Doane & William Freyrick shall be a
Committee with one of the select men of sd Town to settle the Towns school-master in sd
middle Division so as may be most convenient for the whole Respectively.

Then also at the above sd Town meeting viz, May 18th 1741 it was then voted con-
cluded & determined that in the southerly Division in sd Town that William Daines Esqr
Theophilus Mays Benjamin Higgins Israel Cole & Richard Sparrow shall be a
Committee with one of the select men of sd Town to settle the Towns school-master
in sd Division so as may be most convenient for the whole Respectively.

it was also then voted at the above sd Town meeting viz, May 18th 1741 that sd Towns
school-master for the first year ensuing keep school in sd southerly Division one year & then next
in the middle Division one year & then next in the Northern Division one year & so successively
afterwards
entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

Town divided into 3 to support school
103 families each

(125) at a town meeting in Eastham the 18th day of May 1741 warned for that purpose, Capt Samuel Knowles chosen moderator for sd meeting: it was then voted pursuant to the notice given in the warrant for calling sd meeting the town then made choice of Nathaniel Mayo of Eastham in the County of Barnstable yeoman to be their sd towns agent to prosecute in the law any & every person or persons not being inhabitants in sd town of Eastham that shall at any time or times hereafter breaking take or carry away any lime stones belonging to sd town of Eastham - and to prosecute any such person or persons from Court to Court in any Court proper to try the same and to substitute one or more attorneys under our sd agent & the same agent at pleasure to receive and to prosecute compound or agree as in his judgment may think best and fully & finally to act transact for & behalf of sd town relating to the premises to all intents & purposes. ~~sd agent~~ ^{sd agent} Joseph Downe town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 23rd day of June 1741 warned to ch^{ose} one or more persons Resident in sd town to Represent them at a Great & General Court or Courts to be held & kept for his Majesty's service at the Court House in Boston on the 1st day of July next then sd meeting made choice of ~~sd agent~~ ^{sd agent} Joseph Downe town clerk

30th
18th 5th
at a town meeting in Eastham the 23rd day of June 1741 warned to choose two good & lawful men of sd town to serve as Petit Jurymen at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas & Court of Sessions of the Peace to be held at Barnstable for the County on the first Tuesday of July next - as also to choose a Town Keeper to supply the vacancy made by the Removal & away of the late Town Keeper as also for sd town to consider & do what may be thought proper to be done in allowing swine going at large within the boundaries of sd town under such Restrictions as the Law allows towns to do, as also to do what may be proper in fencing to prevent cattle going off Coll^d John Knowles town to the several fields called town fields. Coll^d John Knowles - being then chosen Moderator for sd meeting, then the town at sd meeting chose Nathaniel Mayo & Nathaniel Downe Petit Jurymen for sd Courts above mentioned
~~sd agent~~ ^{sd agent} Joseph Downe town clerk
Confederation of swine going at large in sd town entered for Joseph Downe town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 29th day of June 1741 warned to choose a Representative to Represent sd town at a Great & General Court to be held at Boston for his Majesty's service at the Court House in Boston on the eighth day of July next then made choice of Coll^d John Knowles for sd Representative
entered by me Joseph Downe town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 29th day of June 1741 warned to choose and keepers to supply the vacancy made by the Removal of the former Town Keeper - Capt Samuel Knowles chosen Moderator for sd meeting, then made choice of Richard Downe for Town Keeper for the ensuing year entered by me Joseph Downe town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 29th day of June 1741 warned for sd town to consider & do what might be proper in allowing swine going at large within the bounds of sd town under such Restrictions as the Law allows towns to do then it was considered and voted that at sd meeting that swine be allowed to go at large within the bounds of sd town under such Restrictions as the Law gives lib^{ty} for towns to allow Capt Samuel Knowles being chosen Moderator for sd meeting.
Entered by me Joseph Downe town clerk

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At a town meeting in Eastham the 29th day of June 1741 it being inserted
in the warrant for calling a meeting viz, also for a town to consider & do what
may be proper to prevent Cretuses being drive on Bellingbet Beach or going there
Capt Samuel Knowls being chosen Moderator for a meeting it was then considered
and voted that ~~the town~~ Coll John Knowls the towns present Representative
should lay that matter before the Great & General Court in order for a great & General Court
to pass an act to prevent Cretuses being drive on Bellingbet Beach for the reasons
to be given. Entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 16th day of September 1741
warned to consider & do what may be proper in raising of money to
pay the towns whole master & support of the poor & other necessary
town charges for the year ensuing. be Mr Israel Cole chosen Moder-
ator for a meeting then it was considered concluded & voted to Raise
on the poles & estates of the Rateable Inhabitants of a town of Eastham
the sum of one hundred & thirty pounds for the uses above sd to be collected
and paid into the treasury of a town of Eastham or his successor as the
assessors of a town shall order.
it was voted: Entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 16th day of September 1741
Mr Israel Cole chosen Moderator for a meeting & it being inserted
in the notification for calling a meeting to consider & do what may
be proper in granting some Common land to Benjamin Higgins
lying near the head of Manikakit adjoining to the land he there bought
of Robert Nickerson the same being then by a town in a meeting consider-
ed it was then voted that the Major part of the Freeholders of a town
should bound out to sd Benjamin Higgins the Common land near the head
of Manikakit that had been seized in by Robert Nickerson being four
acres more or less and make Report thereof under their hands to
the town clerk & that there upon the town clerk Record the same
to the sd Benjamin Higgins his heirs & assigns for ever.
Entered by Joseph Doane town clerk

December - the 31st 1741 then Joseph Collins & Calib Couke both of Eastham that they took up some land on the sea shore
for Joseph Doeue Town Clerk of said town of Eastham that they took up some land on the sea shore
on the west side of the town of Eastham the Overseer forborne & foraged such orders
to be attended Relating thereto as the laws direct. which is accordingly entered.
(upon it from so prizes goods) by me Joseph Doeue Town Clerk John Freeman Cabot Clerk

(copied & sent to Miss Goss) & John Jeff
December the 4th 1741 then Joshua Evers of Chatham gave notice ^{in writing} to me Joseph =
Donne Town clerk of the town of Eastham that on the 30th day of November
last past he with Joshua Rich of Eastham took a considerable number of boards &
split work timber & some plank a drift on the seashore on the west side of the town of
Eastham near Billmisset the over not known: & prays such orders may be taken by
me town clerk ~~as the law directs~~ as the law directs for me to do relating to the same
then entered by me Joseph Donne Town clerk.

December 30th 1741 then Samuel Freeman jun^r & John Doane made Returns upon
their oaths that the Goods planks & Shitwood bought by them prized found as by the
account given by Prince Collins & Calib Cooke both of Esqtham in the whole amount
as in their the D^r prizes Returns to the sum of — — — 16-15-00
Entered by me Joseph Doane Justice Peace

December the 8th 1741 then Samuel Freeman jun^r & John Doane made Returns
upon their oaths that the Board plank & Chitwork timber by them prized found as by the a
ccount given in by Joshua E. Dredg by him & Johna Rich found was by them the 3^d
prized as Freeman & Doane prized wth all — — — 22-11-06
Entered by me Joseph Doane Justice Peace

January 2: 1741/2 Then John Smith jun gave notice in writing under his hand
in behalf of full moon Smith & others of & others in
to me Joseph Doane Town clerk that on Friday last past full moon Smith & others
hooking up a canoe a drift on the shore at Billingsbet Hook in Wetham the over not known
Entered by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

On the 2nd Day of January 1741/2 then Richard Paine & Jeremiah Smith
were appointed & sworn to make a full & equal apportionment of the above
Carne & accordingly on the same day made their Returns under the influence
to my self that they prized 3 Carne to be worth three pounds Returned to
me they being sworn thereto & Returns made to me
Joseph Doane Justice Peace

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 14th Day of December 1741 at the middle meeting House in Eastham turned to Consider & do what might be proper in choosing a Committee in sd Towns behalf to draw a Petition to lay before the Great & General Court sitting or to be sitting in Boston Relating to the great destruction that is lately made in sd Towns meadows ground being destroyed by the sea breaking in upon & covering up the same in so great manner with sand, & also the destruction of Towns fire wood by running fires & also to do what is proper for preventing Billingsbet beach being much destroyed. A Town being accordingly assembled at time & place made choice of Mr Samuel Doane Moderator for sd meeting and then made choice of Mr Samuel Freeman jun & Mr Ralph Smith to be a Committee to draw a Petition to lay before the sd Great & General Court Relating to the Premises in order to obtain abatement of sd Towns Province tax for the future if it may be for the Reasons to be given and that the same Committee offer a Petition to sd Great & General Court praying said Court to pass such an act for the preserving sd Billingsbet beach from destruction for the Reasons to be given and that Colenel John Knowls sd Towns Representative lay sd Petitions before sd Great & General Court for obtaining Relief to sd Town. voted by sd Town and entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the 7th Day of January 1741/2 turned to choose a Petit Jurien for January Court Samuel Cole chosen Moderator for sd meeting then were chosen for Petit Jurienmen David Doane Barnabas Freeman Joseph Mayo and Joseph Johnson entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham the first day of March 1741/2 at the middle meeting House in Eastham turned to Consider & do what might be thought most proper to be done in order to take up the lease that was given of the common meadows in Eastham and also to Consider & do what might be thought proper for the better & more orderly improving of sd Common meadows for the future by improving of it in several particulars or any other way as shoud be thought best as affecting grant liberty for John Parine & others to shut up the land that lyes to wards John Gailas & to sever a part of the same parcel land & others on the self side & James Higgin his land on the other side: Captain Samuel Knowls being first chosen Moderator for sd meeting it being a very full Town meeting & after much debate & consideration on the premises it was concluded & voted to Divide the Towns Common meadows. And then it was concluded & voted to Choose a Committee of nine meet persons to make Report at the adjournment of this sd meeting in what method & manner said Towns Common meadows shoud be Divided. and then also by voice of the Town chosen Capt Samuel Smith William Parine Esq Capt Samuel Knowls Deacon John Rich Deacon Samuel Freeman jun Mr Samuel Doane Coll John Knowls and Jeremiah Mayo were chosen by voice to be said Committee: it was then also voted that John Parine and others with him concerned therein shoud have liberty to shut up sd land by fence and then sd meeting was adjourned to the last Monday of this Instant month at the sd middle meeting house in sd Eastham at ten of the clock fore noon entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

note to divide common land & meadows
some of 9 to report
number of division

(129) March 10th 1741st then
at a town meeting in Eastham was to
choose officers for the ensuing year as the laws
directed as also to choose select persons to take
care of young persons from profaning the Sab-
bath in the respective meeting houses in & about
Especially in the time of exercise also to choose
persons to audit the town treasurers accounts
Israel Cole chosen moderator for said meeting.
then made choice of Joseph Doane for town
clerk

then made choice of Samuel Freeman jun^r
for town treasurer.

then made choice of Israel Cole Stephen
Payson & Jonathan Doane for town assessors

then made choice of Samuel Doane James
Rogers & Capt Samuel Knowl for selectmen

then made choice of Joseph Smith jun^r -
Jonathan Line & John Young for constables

then made choice of Israel Mayo Samuel
Doane jun^r & Ebenezer Pace for fence viewers

then made choice of Samuel Higgins jun^r
John Cole jun^r Thomas Beacon Joshua
Knowl Thomas Higgins jun^r & Ephraim Cole
for surveyors of ways

then made choice of Joseph Rogers Jeremiah
Smith jun^r & Israel Young for gylching men

then made choice of William Paine Esqr
Capt Samuel Knowl David Doane Jun^r
Freeman jun^r & John Rich for negative
men

then made choice of Jonathan Mayo Lime
Collens & William Covell for hog Reeves

then made choice of Joseph Smith &
David Young jun^r for sealers of leather

then made choice of William Walker jun^r
and Ebenezer Freeman officers to look after
the killing of Deer

then made choice of Jabez Snow & Solomon
Pepper for surveyors of Bore Clubbords &c

then made choice for pound keepers
Richard Paine & Jeremiah Mayo

then chose Nathaniel Doane James -
Rogers jun^r Samuel Doane jun^r Edward -
Knowl William Line & Joseph Young
to take care look after young people to
prevent them from profaning the Sabbath
in the respective meeting houses in & about
Especially in the time of exercise.
Entered Joseph Doane town clerk

also at the aforesaid meeting voted
to allow the town treasurer three
pence per pound for receiving in and
paying out towns money and
also chose Licut John Freeman
and Israel Cole to audit & see
accounts
Entered Joseph Doane town
clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the
10th day of March 1741st was to choose
Grand Jurymen for the year & Petit
Jurymen for the next courts -
Israel Cole moderator for said meeting
then made choice of for Grand Jury
men Jonathan Smith & Daniel
Mayo

then made choice of for Petit Jury
men Nathaniel Abbott Joseph
Humbleton Jas^r Garrison & Samuel
Brown. Entered Joseph Doane
town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the
the day of April 1742 was to
to choose two grand jury men for the
court of assize General Goals Delivery
and four Petit Jurymen for the court
of assize & General Goals Delivery to
be holden at Barnstable for the county
of Barnstable & Dukes County on the
fourth Tuesday of this instant then
was chosen Israel Cole - moderator
for said meeting

then was chosen for Grand Jurymen
for said court Israel Cole Joseph Knowl
and then was chosen Petit Jury men
for said courts Joseph Cole David Brown
David Jones Joseph Pepper
Entered Joseph Doane town clerk

Report of Com. Considerations of claims to share in undivided

The subscribers being a Committee chosen & appointed by the town of Eastham, to
 consider & propose how & in what manner the common meadows & land
 within the town of Eastham should be divided & laid out, after due consideration & weigh-
 ing all circumstances that occurs to our minds, we have concluded & propose as
 followeth, viz, that that all the common meadows & land within sd town of Eastham
 be granted laid out & divided as soon as conveniently may be in shares either single and
 separate or a number together in one of as many appear most convenient & equal
 to the Committee when they shall come to lay them out, excepting & reserving only so much
 as is hereafter proposed to be laid & reserved for other uses & improvement.
 and that there be of all share equal share granted & laid out for the following described
 persons, viz, one full or equal share to each & every man that was received and
 esteemed as a proper & Regular Towns man in sd town of Eastham when the last
 Division of land was made in sd Eastham A. D 1715 and that is now living and is
 an inhabitant in sd town, and also one full or equal share to each of the male
 Decendants of those that were proper & Regular Towns men of sd Eastham that are
 now inhabitants of sd town & are a line to the age of twenty one years or shall be
 so at the time of making this grant, and also that there be a full & equal share
 granted & laid out to each other Inhabitant of sd town that paid charge in sd town
 for twenty two years past & are now living in sd town, and that there be one full
 and equal share granted & laid out to each Widow that is now an Inhabitant in
 said town of Eastham & Relict of one that was a proper & Regular Towns man
 or of their Decendants, that have son or sons not arrived to the age of twenty one
 years, and that in order to make a just & equal Division of sd meadows & land
 there be a Committee of six Judicious persons chosen two of them in each parish
 in sd town to take a survey of the whole of sd common meadows & land & settle
 bounds with all persons that have lots adjoining to the above sd commons & also to
 to lay out & make some addition to the meadows already laid out for the use of the
 Ministry in each part of sd town & to make them all as equal as may be, and
 to lay out or reserve one parcel of meadows near to the foot of Moxfield beach to
 procure the same to be fenced.

Dated Eastham March 29 1742

Samuel Doane
 John Rich
 Samuel Knowls
 Samuel Freeman jun
 Samuel Smith
 William Paine

at a town meeting in Eastham held at the middle
 meeting house in Eastham the 29th day of
 March 1742 by a journeyman from the first day
 of sd March to Receive & consider the Committee
 above Report it being a very full town meeting
 the above Report being severall times audibly
 read & considered the moderator Capt Samuel Knowls
 then called for the votes of y^e highest lands to declare
 acceptance of the above ~~of~~ Committee & the
 vote past for the affirmative for the acceptance of
 the sd Report by dividing the house

Attest Joseph Doane town clerk

The above is truly Recorded as it was given in by the above Committee
 with what the town then acted thereon
 entered & Recorded by me Joseph Doane town clerk

Report accepted

(13) at the aforesd Town meeting viz March the 29th 1742 then concluded & voted that all the Common meadow Reserves Reserve by vote of Town to mend lots of meadows formerly laid out in the year 1703 that should be spoiled by the sand or sea that has not already been already improved for that use shall still be Reserve & improved for that use.

Then also at s^d meeting it was voted that Capt Samuel Knowls & Deacon Samuel Freeman jun^r and Capt Samuel Smith shall be a Committee to take a list of the names of all persons that are to have shares in the new Indented Division of lands & meadows or any others that s^d Committee shall judge proper to be brought in to s^d list & to make their Report at the next adjournment of this meeting.

Then also at s^d meeting it was voted that Lieut John Freeman Stephen Horton Joseph Knowls Samuel Doane jun^r Capt Samuel Smith & Noah Smith shall be the Committee they or the major part of them to lay out s^d Towns Common meadow and upland as is already concluded & voted to be laid out & to settle bounds with persons that have lands or meadows adjoining to the common land or meadows.

Also then at s^d Town meeting it was voted that if a number of qualified persons that are to have shares of meadows in the Division want to be made appear & accept of their lots in s^d Division from great Namasket Harbour & so westerly on the westerly shore to the westerly part of Griffiths Island at Billingsgetts Englishman that such qualified persons so accepting shall have liberty to fence up all lanes or ways that lead down to the shore by gates or bars convenient bars from the first day of March & so to keep up s^d fence until the last day of October annually from time to time & at all times.

Also then at s^d Town meeting it was voted that the Committee that lay out s^d Common lands & meadows shall have liberty to set strips of land or meadows to such as they adjourn to the reasonable satisfaction of such as buy thereof.

Then the above s^d Town meeting was adjourned to Monday the 19th of April next to s^d 2nd meeting.

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 At a town meeting in Eastham the 2nd day of March 1742/3 turned to consider
 and do what is here after express Capt Samuel Knowls chosen moderator
 for sd meeting then made choice of Nathaniel Freeman jun^r & Samuel
 Freeman jun^r a committee to act with the lessees of the common meadows
 in Eastham for what money they had received & to make their Report at the
 next town meeting. then at sd town meeting concluded & voted to raise
 forty pounds lawfull money on the poles & estates of the inhabitants of sd
 town of Eastham for the defraying the necessary charges of filing in sd town
 the year Enroll then also voted that Samuel Freeman jun^r &
 Ralph Smith & Joseph Doane be allowed out of the towns grazing eight shillings
 each for one day by them spent in drawing a Petition to lay before the General
 Court for a batement of sd towns tax &c. then also voted that the said Samuel
 Freeman jun^r Ralph Smith & Joseph Doane be allowed eight shillings each for
 one day by them spent in drawing a Petition to lay before the General Court about
 Billingsbet Beach then voted that Capt Samuel Smith be allowed four pounds
 and fifteen shillings as fee for looking after widets wife in her afflictions
 then voted that Capt Samuel Knowls be allowed twelve shillings for money ex-
 pended at Boston about the att for Billingsbet Beach also then voted that the two
 Committees about the common meadows namely William Doane & John Rich
 Capt Samuel Knowls Samuel Freeman jun^r Capt Samuel Smith Samuel Doane
 the Committee about the common meadows namely William Doane & John Rich
 the other Committee be allowed each eight shillings apiece for outlay & exp^{ts} they
 spent in the sd service entered for Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 11th day of August 1742 turned to consider
 and do what is here after express Capt Samuel Knowls chosen moderator for sd meeting
 then voted that the town treasurer next town meeting so far as he can whatev^r
 thing or not be due from sd town to the north precinct about the schools
 then voted that the Committee which propounded the school in sd town namely Capt
 Samuel Knowls Samuel Freeman jun^r & John Rich should be paid eight shillings a
 piece for that days work. then also voted that sd towns meadow be paid forty
 shillings out of the towns money provided & in case with the Rest of the lessees
 of the common meadow in Eastham give up & leave to sd town & quit all claim there
 to the next town meeting. entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 17th day of August 1742 turned to consider & do
 what is here after express Capt Samuel Knowls chosen moderator for sd meeting
 then considered & voted the following instructions & directions to the lessees of the
 common meadows & sedge ground in sd Eastham for the present long season that
 they the sd lessees shall not allow any man what ever to mow on said
 common meadows or sedge ground in sd Eastham until the five of the clock in the
 morning on the 24th day of August Instant & that no man shall be allowed
 to use or improve more than one fable or more than one horse in his own
 his right or in the right of any other person to cut or carry away any grass sedge or hay in
 any other persons right but his own except it appears he cuts & improves such
 grass or hay for the distinct use & improvement of some of the inhabitants of sd
 town of Eastham that have a right to cut on sd commons agreeable to former order
 and who ever cuts or improves contrary to these instructions the lessees shall
 strictly prosecute them in the law & the damages that sd town shall suffer them in
 sd prosecution & be at the charge & cost thereof and also that the lessees shall not
 exact or take of any man the three shillings or any money for liber-
 ty to cut on sd commons and after such such prosecution is over & finished every man
 shall deliver up their lease to sd town within three months or less if desired the town shall deliver (on the 1st of
 June) up to their lease to sd town & deliver up their lease to sd town in their hands
 would be entered by Capt Joseph Doane town clerk

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also in the same meeting voted that Joseph Smith & Gabriel Johnson are allowed
this year to cut the little field of Sage and the opposite part for their share of commons
this year & not to cut this year on any of the other commons.

also at the same meeting chosen to be a committee to settle the bounds between the common
meadows & the land of Capt. John Knowles on the easterly end or side his land
entered for me Joseph Doane town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 12 day of October 1742 was ordered by the
Petit Jurors men of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace & Superior Court of Common
Pleas to be holden at Barnstable for the county of Barnstable on the third Tuesday of the next
Capt. Samuel Knowles chosen moderator for sd meeting then was returned of the
Barnstable Jurors men Daniel Johnson Joseph May

at a town meeting in Eastham the 9th day of November 1742 was ordered
it is here after expressed (Capt. Samuel Knowles chosen moderator for sd meeting
then it was concluded & voted that the town voted to raise on the poles & estates
of the Rateable Inhabitants of sd town at a town meeting on the second day of August
last past for defraying the necessary charges arising in sd town the year current but
one half part thereof shall be paid in to the Treasurers of sd town on or before the last
day of this Instant November & the other half part thereof on or before the last
day of April next coming also then voted that Samuel Freeman Junr and
Joseph Doane shall be agents for & in behalf of sd town to take up the leas
and take a discharge of the leas of sd leas & to give up the bonds & notes to sd
leas & that they were obliged by to pay in to sd town the fines there in expressed with
a discharge of their accounts
also then voted that the former committee is appointed to make up acc^{ts} with
sd leas particularly to make up acc^{ts} with Thomas Mayr Relating to the
Money he has Received as leas & to make Report of their proceedings at the next
Town meeting.
entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

then also voted that the consideration of allowance for the Leases time and
trouble be suspended till the Leases accounts be completed.
then also voted that the consideration of laying out the common meadows be
suspended till further opportunity: also then voted that the consideration of those
that demand a property in sd towns commons by virtue of town purchases be
also suspended to further opportunity entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 3 day of January 1742
to draw Petit Jurors out of the box for January Court Justices
Chosen moderator for sd meeting Joseph Rogers
then was returned of the box for Jurors Capt. Samuel Brown
Daniel Smith
entered for me Joseph Doane town clerk

concerning Leases

about Town purchases &c
postponed

At a town meeting in Eastham January 31: 1742/3 warned to act about several things namely to issuing orders about clovers to lands be Capt James Knowls chosen moderator for sd meeting. then made choice of William Dimes Esq Deacon Samuel Freeman & Mr Samuel Doane to be a committee to Rectify the matter a bond lands that was exchanged with John Smith late Deceased that was granted to him by way of exchange during his lifetime and to Rectify that matter so as Richard Paine may be Reasonably saved harmless & indemnified about & concerning the land be bought of Jesse Smith on the northerly side the town Cove that was part of a plaine lot land on to Thomas Smith's son which is challenged to be entered land by the heirs of John Smith Deceased and to make report of their doings at the next town meeting in order for confirmation

entred p me Joseph Doane town clerk

At a town meeting in Eastham the 23 day of february 1742/3 warned to choose 2 townsmen for the ensuing year & 2 petit jurie men for the court of trials at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas & court of General sessions of the Peace to be holden in Barnstable for the County of Barnstable on the third Tuesday of March next then made choice of Capt James Knowls for moderator for sd meeting then chosen for grand Jurymen William Pepper and then chosen one of the six for Petit Jurymen

Joseph Paine
& Isaac Paine

At a town meeting in Eastham the 14 day of March 1742/3 warned to choose all town officers for the year ensuing then made choice of Capt Samuel Knowls moderator for sd meeting then at sd meeting Joseph Doane was chosen town clerk

then Samuel Freeman was chosen town treasurer

then John Freeman, Stephen Johnson & Jonathan Doane were chosen assessors

then Capt Samuel Knowls, Samuel Doane and James Rogers were chosen selectmen

then Amos Knowls, Ephraim Coroll, Thomas Bacon, Jonathan Mayo, Ebenezer Elsterg & Josiah Snow were chosen surveyors of ways

then John Cole junr, Prince Collins & Stephen King were chosen gristing men

then Nathaniel Mayo, Daniel Smith & Daniel Mayo were chosen fenceviewers

then Robert Young, William Knowls & William Lewis were chosen constables

then chose for negative men for the year ensuing Capt Samuel Knowls, Samuel Doane junr, William Paine Esq, Samuel Freeman and Joseph Paine

then chose for sealers of leather Joseph Smith & David Young junr

then chose for surveyors of shingles &c Samuel Higgins junr

then chose to look after killing of Deer John Walker & Ebenezer Freeman

then chose for Hogreves Nathaniel Doane, George Brown & Edmund Knowles

then chose for pound keepers Richard Paine & Jeremiah Mayo

then chose to put in execution the law to prevent Cretures going on Billingsgate

Benjamin Barnes young & Benjamin Young

entred p me Joseph Doane town clerk

to adjust claims of poor

to make report of their doings at the next town meeting

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at a town meeting in Callham the 14 day of March 1742/3 Capt Samuel Knowles moderator
for a meeting then Joseph Doane William Bond Mr John Freeman Capt Samuel Knowles
Col John Knowles Lieut Timothy Cole Ensign Solomon Pepper & Mr David Doane were
by vote chosen a committee to lay a petition before our Capt Genl for a protection
from Importing. Entered Joseph Doane town clerk.

From to survey the land of common

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At a town meeting in Eastham the 11th day of March 1742/3 I arrived pretty far
considered what might be proper to be done Relating to the ordering disposing or granting
of the common & individual lands meadows & ledge ground in sd Eastham to whom of Right it
Doubt being Capt Samuel James & John Smith was then chosen moderator for sd meeting and
then the town at sd meeting entered upon the consideration of the premises being a very full
town meeting and then after deliberate consideration it was proposed for to choose a
committee to ~~draw up~~ with draw a little while & draw up such proposals Relating to the
premises as they should judge proper for sd town to comply with ~~for sd town to meeting~~
and then it was voted to make choice of a committee for that purpose and accordingly
then was chosen for sd committee William Paine Esqr Samuel Doane Samuel Freeman
Capt Samuel Smith John Freeman & Silvanus Jones who were desired to with draw for a
little time & draw up such proposals to lay before the town as they should think proper
Relating to the premises & accordingly sd committee with draw a while & then came in to sd
meeting again & gave in under their hands their proposals in the words following. proposed
by the committee appointed for that purpose that a committee be appointed to survey the
whole of the common & individual meadow & ledge ground in the town of Eastham
and also take an account of all the inhabitants of sd town that are the defendants of those
that were proper towns men in 1684 and those that were regularly taken in after wards
that are now arrived to 21 years of age & in proportion be set off to the inhabitants of the
three parishes according to the number of their inhabitants qualified as above sd there
equal part of the above sd Commonage both for quantity & quality & that the town
make a grant thereof accordingly.

William Paine
Samuel Doane
John Freeman
Samuel Smith
Silvanus Jones
Samuel Freeman

the above sd committee Return Report
being severall times read & considered and
then at sd meeting ^{unanimously} accepted.
which was moved by me Joseph Doane town clerk
then at the above sd meeting the
town then proposed & chose Jeremiah Higgins
Jonathan Doane & Capt Samuel Smith to be
a committee to survey sd towns common
land meadow & ledge ground & further to act & accom-
plish as in sd above Report of the above sd committee
is expressed & related to be entered as is accordingly
entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

voted at the above sd town meeting that three of the negative men lay out to
Richard Paine so much of the common meadow or ledge ground in Eastham
as may be worth twenty pounds in sd town in their judgement and that
the same be Recorded to him his heirs & assigns for ever the sd Paine admitting the
land & fence by the Netherly side the town come behind of Jesse Smith that was
formerly laid out to Thomas Smith for part of a plain lot laid to be entitled land
entered for me Joseph Doane town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 16th Day of May 1743 voted to choose Representative to serve the town at the great General Court to be held at Boston the 27th of this Instant. Capt Samuel Knowls was then chosen Representative by voice of the Land Directors. Entered for me Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 16th Day of May 1743 voted to consider and do what is hereafter expressed. Capt Samuel Knowls chosen moderator for meeting then the town at meeting made choice of Capt Jonathan Young a Committee man to join with the Rest of the Committee to act & do what a Committee was to do about & concerning the undivided land laid meadow & sedge ground in sd Eastham entered by me Joseph Doane Town clerk.

then also at sd meeting voted that Samuel Higgins should be allowed twenty shillings old tenner value for looking after the widow Martha Snow before & until the time the select took care about her entered by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

then also voted that William Paine Esqr & Mr John Freeman should advise the town Treasurers acts & make report at the next town meeting. entered for me Joseph Doane Town clerk

at the above sd meeting viz, the 16th Day of May 1743 it was put to vote whether the town would or how the way that leads from Richard Sparrows to the meeting house to be shod up by fencering a cross ^{by the way of} and the vote there was no vote but in the negative entered by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 30th Day of May 1743 voted to draw Petit Jurymen out of the Box ^{in the name of} to serve at the Court of common pleas to be held at Barnstable the 1st June next James Rogers - chosen moderator for meeting then the tickets were drawn out of the Box for sd Jurymen & the names in the tickets drawn were Samuel Doane Stephen Sparrows Richard Sparrows & Joseph Pepper entered by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a Town meeting July 6th 1743 then drawn out of the Box for Petit Jurymen & chosen for the Superior Court of Judicature John Rich David Doane William Mayrick & Jonathan Higgins junr: & then chosen for Grand Jurymen for the Court of Oyer & General Goal delivery Samuel Freeman & Nathaniel Mayo Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 12th Day of August 1743 voted for Relief is here after expressed. Capt Samuel Knowls chosen moderator for meeting, then to raise the sum eighty pounds old tenner value or in new tenner equivalent on the poles of the Rateable Inhabitants of the town of Eastham to pay the Towns schoolmaster & to defray the necessary charges arising within sd town of Eastham for the year one half these of to be paid in to the town Treasurer on or before the last day of November next & the other half on or before the last day of April next coming. entered by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 12th Day of August 1743 then at sd meeting voted that the charge of the Committee proportioning the common meadow & sedge ground in Eastham and the town clerk according the grants paid out of the former fees for the proprietors use be paid out of the money raised by the former fees for the improvement of the common undivided meadow & sedge ground in Eastham. and that the Remainder hereof shall be to the towns use entered by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

of Young called to come to divide

Money paid by Select taken to pay Com. &c

at a town meeting in Eastham the 12th Day of August 1743 Capt Samuel Knowles ^{chosen}
 Moderator for a meeting then voted that James Higgins one of the Committee should
 proportioned the Towns common meadows & edge ground that be paid out of the Towns
 Treasury of the money paid in by the leases the sum in new tenne value of 11-11-06
 and that Capt Samuel Smith one of the Committee be also paid out of
 the money by the Treasurer the sum in new tenne value of 1-13-00
 and that Jonathan Doane one of the Committee be also paid out of
 the money by the Treasurer the sum in new tenne value of 1-11-06
 and that the Town clerk be also paid out of the money by the Town
 Treasurer for Recording the Grants of the Commons meadow & edge ground
 and giving out Copies for the proprietors use as shall appear Right
 entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 10th Day of October 1743 Warrant
 for Drass tickets for petit Jurymen of the Inferior Court of Common
 Pleas for the County of Barnstable the third Tuesday of this Instant
 and then drawn out of the box for Jurymen Jonathan Smith and
 Barnabas young Joseph Doane town clerk X

at a town meeting in Eastham the 6th Day of March 1748
 to Chuse a town clerk and all other town officers and all so to
 consider and Do what may be thought proper with respect
 to the Brokers Land in the middle part of the town and also
 to consider and Do what may be thought proper with respect to building
 a house to put the poor in that is mentioned by a town assembled
 and met at the middle meeting house in Eastham on the Day
 Cornal Samuel Knowles bein chosen moderator then made Coys
 of Thomas Knowles town clerk for the ensuing year

select men { John Freeman
 Gabriel Snow Jr
 Toath Smith
 Jonathan Doane
 Salomon Snow
 Town treasurer { Samuel Freeman
 Constables { Gabriel Sparrow
 Genael Pitwood
 Elisha Harding
 Tithing men { Joseph Hambleton
 Joseph Pepper
 Elisha Holbrook
 Surveyors of ways { Joshua Knowles
 John Paine
 Samuel Higgins Jr
 Crister Merrick
 George Brown
 Eleazar Pitwood
 Pans clerk { Eleazar Freeman
 Edward Knowles
 Genael young

negative men Cornal John Knowles
 Solomon Pepper Deacon John Freeman
 Deacon Samuel Freeman Edman Freeman
 Surveyors of Bonds and Sheryels
 Solomon Pepper Joseph Smith Jr
 Sellers of Leather David Young
 Solomon Lues
 Bear reave William Walker
 hog reaves John Cole Ebenezer
 Snow William Merrick Jr Samuel
 Walker
 pound cepters Richard Paine
 Genemrah Mayo
 voted that Capt Solomon Pepper
 and Theophilus Higgins auditate a
 Court with Nathaniel Freeman
 town treasurer
 voted hogs at Large

related that Samuel Smith Esqr Capt Elisha Pore and say
Ezekiel Bullocks put the law in execution relating to
measures going at large on Cilmesget Beach

related that say Samuel Pore put the law in execution
relating to
measures going at large on Cilmesget Beach

it was Disposed concerning building a house to put the
poor in that is maintained by the town and adorned till
the adornments of this meeting

related that certain several Hundreds Capt Galt and
seignior have shew to be the community to view the broken
land in the middle part of the town and to make there
report at the next town meeting then this meeting adjourn
till the 14 of this instant march at one of the lock in the
afternoon at the middle meeting house to see whether
the several constables now chosen would serve or not
paysment to said adornment the town met at time and
place the moderator being not present made crys of
Deacon John Freeman for moderator and the several
constables before chosen accepted

then a vote was taken by the moderator whether a house
should be built to put the poor in that was maintained
by the town or not and it passed in the negative

it was also related that the community that was to view
the broken land in the middle part of the town should
adjourn there report till may when we choose a representative

Entered J^r Thomas Hundreds sworn Clerk

at the a town & meeting the community that were chosen
by the town to audit a count with Mr Nathaniel
Freeman. Wherein treasure gave in their report as follows
the subscribers being appointed by the town of Cilmesget
to audit accounts with Mr Nathaniel Freeman for
treasure for the year past have accordingly this seventh
day of march 1748/9 examined the accounts and find well
doubt and right cost and there is now due to the
treasure twelve pounds six shillings and five pence
old tenor which he has paid out and there he has receiv
in and we find that there is not standing in the town
constables hired one hundred and sixteen pence
one shilling and four pence old tenor
the a sum paid was not accepted
salmon pepper
accepted by the

Entered J^r Thomas Hundreds sworn Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham. Duly warned and assembled
and met at the middle meeting house in Eastham on the
14 Day of March 1748/9 at two of the clock in the after-
noon. Deacon John Freeman being Chosen moderator.
There was notice given in the morning to Chuse two grand
jurymen for the ensuing year and two petty jurymen
to serve on the jury at the next inferior Court of
Common Pleas to be holden at Barnstable on the 3 Tuesday
of May 1748/9. There was then Chosen for grand
jurymen Gervase Mayo and Ebenezer Higgins
and there was Drawn out of the box for petty jurymen
Benjamin Freeman and Edward Knowles
Entered for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham Duly warned and
assembled at the middle meeting house in Eastham
on Friday the 12: Day of January 1749 ^{at 9 of the clock in the afternoon} there was notice
given in the morning to Chuse an agent to answer a complaint
made by Moses Crestee against the town at the next
inferior Court at Barnstable. Deacon John Freeman was
Chosen moderator for a meeting. There was then Chosen
for an agent Solomon Lombard of Orange to answer
the aforesaid Complaint and there was then Chosen Gervase
May to procure evidence to carry to the Court.
Entered for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham Duly warned and
assembled at the middle meeting house in Eastham
on Friday the 13: of February 1749 ^{at 9 of the clock in the afternoon} there was notice given
in the morning to Chuse two grand jurymen to serve for the
year ensuing and two petty jurymen to serve at the next
inferior Court at Barnstable. Deacon Samuel Freeman
was Chosen moderator for a meeting. There was then
Chosen for grand jurymen Samuel Rafter and Samuel Cole
for so year and for petty jurymen Israel Young and
William Tinning and it was then voted that the select Constables
should take care calling money and the town and present
treasurers to receive the same till the tenth of March
next

Entered for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

March 17: 1752: then W^m Simethy Cole of Eastham under his
hand in writing informed me Thomas Knowles Town Clerk of Eastham
that on the 19: Day of this instant - he took up a small part of a
vessel and sum riggen and have taken care of the same for the
over if any there be he paying all the necessary Charges there
upon it was taken up at a place called old stage in Eastham
Entered for me Thomas Knowles Town Clerk Simethy Cole

March 25: 1752 then Simon Doane of Eastham under his hand in
writing informed me Thomas Knowles Town Clerk of Eastham
that on the 20: Day of March instant we being at the place called
sheds beach on the back side in the town of Eastham and
we found come ashore in the surf one anchor and two pieces of
anchors and one cable and a part of a cable and sum pieces of of
sails and sum riggen and we have taken care of them for
the over if any be they paying the Charge philipp Riggers
Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk Simon Doane

March 24: 1752 then Solomon Doane of Eastham under his hand
in writing informed me Thomas Knowles Town Clerk of Eastham that
on the 19: Day of this instant he took up on the beach called market
beach in Eastham three ^{small} ~~small~~ and a piece of a barrel of tar and sum pieces
of boards and a few pieces of a vessel and a small quantity of
of iron and a empty barrels
Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk Solomon Doane

August 15: 1754 then Jonathan Lincl of Eastham
informed me from under his hand in writing to be
put on record that as followeth Eastham August
15: 1754 to the Clerk of the town of Eastham these lines
are to inform you that of the subscribers have on the
second Day of this instant August did find upon the
back side of our beach near the old harbor one boat
with one ~~lb~~ of pork and 2: little Casks of pickled fish
and a small quantity of old ropes in so boat at the boat
being brok in 2 places and also one more barrel of pork
a boat a mile from so boat and also a small quantity
of hogged hoops and could not secure all the same by
reason of the boat being brok and surf on the shore till
the twelfth Day of this instant August

Jonathan Lincl
Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eaffham the 12th day of March 1743/4 were to make choice of
of all town officers for the ensuing year as the last direct, he also to consider of a vote to
be recorded a way laid out by the select men to be then by them offered to the town &
Capt Samuel Knowls chosen moderator for 5th meeting - & then projected to make choice of
town officers for the following year.

then made choice of Joseph Doane for
- town clerk for the ensuing year -

then made choice of for pound keepers
- Richard Perine & Jeremiah Mayo

then made choice of Samuel Freeman for
- town treasurer ~~Joseph Doane~~ ~~Samuel Freeman~~

at a town meeting in Eaffham the
12 day of March 1743/4 were to choose
for Grand Jurymen for the year ensuing
and to draw tickets for 2 petit Jurymen
for the next court Capt Samuel Knowls
chosen moderator for 5th meeting.

then for Grand Jurymen was chosen
Jonathan Mayo & Isaac Pepper

for Petit Jurymen Samuel Horton
and William Goring drawn out of
the box entered Joseph Doane & Samuel

then made choice for town officers
- Stephen Sparrow Nathaniel Freeman jr
and Richard Sparrow

then made choice for selectmen
- Capt Samuel Knowls David Doane
and Nathaniel Mayo

then made choice for surveyors of ways
- Nathaniel Mayo Samuel Higgins jr
Jeremiah Smith Benjamin Snow
Capt John Holbrook Isaac Becker

then made choice for gathering men
- Israel Mayo Samuel Doane jr
& William Corel jr

then made choice for peace viewers
- William Goring Ebenezer Brown
Jeremiah Mayo

then made choice for constables
- Edmund Freeman Jonathan Doane
Samuel Smith

then made choice for negative men
- Samuel Doane James Rogers
John Freeman Timothy Cole
and Samuel Freeman

then made choice for letter carriers
- Joseph Smith & David Young jr

then made choice for surveyors of shingles
- Christopher Johnson Isaac Pepper

then made choice for Deer-Rivers
- Ebenezer Freeman & Joseph Brown

then to publish a notice in execution Relating
to crimes going on Billingst Beach
and grounds was chosen
Barnebas Young & Benjamin Young

then made choice of for hog Rieves
- Elzathan Doane Joseph Mayo
and Joseph Brown entered Joseph Doane town
clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 14th day of May 1744 voted to choose Representatives
and to make allowance to Constables this present year for gathering in of Rates and
to Raise the School Masters wages. Capt Samuel Knowls chosen moderator for said
meeting. then made choice of Capt Samuel Knowls for Representative.
then also voted that that the present Constables for this present year 1744 under
the consideration of the hard service in gathering in their Rates and taxes it is
concluded and voted that the said Constables for this present year for gathering
in all Province and town Rates and taxes that sd town shall be obliged to pay
and said Constables obliged to gather in said Constables shall be allowed out of sd towns
treasury four pence on the pound in such old or new value as the said Rate or
tax to them delivered to them to gather in shall express or set forth that is to say in
old or new pence, provided and on condition said Constables shall pay in and
give their ~~pay~~ and perfect his or their accounts of all and every such
Rate or tax as shall be to them committed to collect and gather in, unto the respective
Treasurers they were by warrant to pay in the same unto within the term of nine
months next after they by warrant for the same were obliged to do, that then
such Constable or Constables so doing shall be entitled to said allowance or else
not.

Then at sd meeting Mr Benjamin Webb just be allowed for his keeping school
for sd town one year next coming the sum of one hundred pence in old pence value
he finding him self Diet washing and lodging.

then also at the above sd town meeting viz May 14th 1744 voted that James
Otis Esqr shall be paid out of the towns treasury the sum of five pounds in old pence
value for due to him from sd town for service ^{by him} for sd town.

then also voted that Thomas Mayo be paid out of the towns treasury forty five
pence and four pence in old pence value due to him.
entered by me Joseph Deane town clerk.

at a town meeting July 2: 1744 voted to choose petit jury men
and 2 grand jury men for the Superior Court Court of assize and
Genl Gaule Delinery to be held at Barnstable for the Countys of
Barnstable & Dukes county on the third Tuesday of this Instant -
then drawn out of the box List John Freeman Nathaniel Freeman
junr Amos Knowls & Joshua Knowls for petit juries.

Capt Samuel Knowls moderator for sd meeting.
then also made choice of Nathaniel Deane & Stephen Sparrow
for Grand jury men.

on the 29th Day of June 1744 then Jonathan young & Ephraim Covel both of Eastham
in writing under their hands. Informed me the subscriber Town clerk of the town of
Eastham that they on the twenty fifth day of this instant June 1744 on the sea shore
near the Northward end of the in the Township of Eastham took up one cask of oyle
supposed to be about forty gallons and paid my fees as town clerk for entering the
same and accordingly entered the 29th day of June 1744
By me Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 23 day of July 1744 warned to raise
money to defray the charges of the Town this current year Licut John
freeman being chosen moderator for said meeting then voted to raise twenty
pounds money of the New tenor value or of tenne value equivalent on the
pools & estates of the Rateable Inhabitants of the Town of Eastham to defray the
the charges arising in said Town the year current the one half thereof to be
paid in to the Towns clerk of said Town or his Successor in that office on or before
the last day of November next and the other half to be paid in on or before
the last day of April next.
entered & Recorded by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 23rd day of July 1744 warned to make
choise of a suitable person to serve as Constable for the current year in
the precinct in Eastham by Reason that Capt Samuel Smith who was chosen
at last March Town meeting Refusing to serve in said office Licut John
freeman was then chosen moderator for said meeting and then at said meet viz July the
third 1744 George Brown of the north Precinct in Eastham was chosen to the
office of Constable to serve as above he not being present said meeting was
then by vote adjourned to the first Monday in August next to the middle meet-
ing house in Eastham at two of the clock in the afternoon then & there
to Receive said Browns answer.
entered & Recorded Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 9th day of October 1744 then the tickets drawn out of
the box for Petit Jurie men for the next court of common pleas & General sessions of the
Peace was Ebenezer Aldridge & Ebenezer Atwood entered by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

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December 5th 1744 then the tickets drawn out of the box for Petit Jurie men for January
Court Samuel Higgins & John Smith entered by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham the 5th day of March 1744 warned to chuse 2 men
for Grand Juries for the year ensuing Isaac Samuel freeman chosen moderator
then was chosen for Grand Juries Jonathan young & John Covel junr.
then drawn out of the box for Petit Juries for the next court at Barnstable
Christian Renick & Theophilus Higgins entered by me Joseph Doane Town clerk

December 25th 1744 then John Smith & Samuel Smith joint both of Eastham informed me Joseph Doane Town Clerk of the Town of Eastham under their hands in writing that yester day the 24th Instant & this day the 25th Instant they the said John Smith & Samuel Smith with others took up on the west side of the town of Eastham eleven barrels of flower the over not known & have seized the same and accordingly inform you said Town Clerk thereof as the Law directs.
and do also hereby inform you Joseph Doane Esqr the next Justice of the Peace there of in order for appraisall.
John Smith
Samuel Smith joint

December 25th 1744 entered by me Joseph Doane
Town Clerk

December 25th 1744 then Hatfel Nickerson of Eastham informed me Joseph Doane Town Clerk under his hand that on the 24th Instant he took up seven barrels of flower in & on the sea shore in & on the west side of the town of Eastham two white blocks the over not known and have seized the same and accordingly inform you said Town Clerk thereof. and also notify you Joseph Doane one of his magistrates Justices of the Peace for said County of Barnstable being the next Justice in order for appraisment thereof.
Hatfel Nickerson

December 25th 1744 entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

December 25th 1744 then Thomas Knowls of Eastham under his hand informed me Joseph Doane Town Clerk of the Town of Eastham that on the 24th and 25th Instant he with others took up on the sea shore on the west side of the town of Eastham twenty seven barrels of flower & four barrels of flower with flower not knowing who is the owner thereof and inform you Joseph Doane as next Justice Peace to order appraisment thereof.
Thomas Knowls

December 26th 1744 I & Joseph William Mayrick & Joseph Smith joint both of Eastham inform you Joseph Doane Town Clerk of the Town of Eastham that we with others on the 24th & 25th of this Instant took up on the sea shore on the west side of the town of Eastham 25 barrels of flower partly broken & also one long broke one mariners compass & a pump not knowing the owner thereof have seized the same & also inform you Joseph Doane as Justice Peace to order appraisment thereof as the Law directs.
William Mayrick
Joseph Smith joint

December 26th 1744 entered by me Joseph Doane:
Town Clerk

December 26th 1744 then Nathaniel Freeman joint Samuel Bake joint both of Eastham informed me Joseph Doane Town Clerk of the Town of Eastham under their hands in writing that on the 24th of this Instant on the sea shore on the west side of the town of Eastham took up 36 barrels of Dominick flower & 50 lb of wet fish 2 empty cask one chest in which was a map & other writings 2 punch holes from small iron bullets & 4 small iron bolts from which were bolts and do also inform you Joseph Doane as Justice Peace to order appraisment thereof as the Law directs.
Nathaniel Freeman
Samuel Bake joint

December 29th 1744 then Stephen Snow the third of that name of Eastham under his hand informed me Joseph Doane Town Clerk of the Town of Eastham that on the 24th & 25th of this Instant that he with others took up on the sea shore on the west side of the town of Eastham 23 barrels of flower & 2 broken barrels with flower in them & have seized the same not knowing the owner thereof and do also hereby inform you Joseph Doane as Justice of the Peace to order appraisall thereof as the Law directs.
Stephen Snow the third

December the 26th 1744 entered by me Joseph Doane
Town Clerk

on the 26th of December 1744 then H Ezekiah Doane & Mr Samuel Freeman were appointed & sworn to make a just appraisement of the value of the Rack goods taken up by John Smith & Samuel Smith & others on the sea shore on the west side of the town of Eastham according to their best judgment. By me Joseph Doane Justice Peace and accordingly have made their Returns under their hands.

on the 26th of December 1744 then H Ezekiah Doane & Mr Samuel Freeman were appointed & sworn to make a just appraisement of the value of the Rack goods taken up by Habel = Nicholas on the sea shore on the west side of the town of Eastham according to their best judgment. By me Joseph Doane Justice Peace and accordingly have made their Returns under their hands.

on the 26th of December 1744 then H Ezekiah Doane Esq & Mr Samuel Freeman were appointed & sworn to make a just appraisement of the value of the Rack goods taken up by Thomas Knowles & others on the sea shore on the west side of the town of Eastham according to their best judgment. By me Joseph Doane Justice Peace and accordingly have made their Returns.

on the 26th of December 1744 then H Ezekiah Doane Esq & Mr Samuel Freeman were appointed & sworn to make a just appraisement of the value of the Rack goods taken up by William Mayrick & Joseph Smith & others with them on the sea shore on the west side of the town of Eastham according to their best judgment. By me Joseph Doane Justice Peace and accordingly have made their Returns.

on the 26th of December 1744 then Mr John Freeman & Mr Theophilus Higgins were appointed & sworn to make a just appraisement of the value of the Rack goods taken up by Samuel Bate Seth Knowles Ruben Mayrick & others in company on the sea shore on the west side of the town of Eastham according to their best judgment. By me Joseph Doane Justice Peace and accordingly have made their Returns.

on the 31st day of December 1744 then H Ezekiah Doane Esq & Mr Samuel Freeman were appointed & sworn to make a just appraisement of the value of the Rack goods taken up by Stephen from the third of Eastham with others in company on the sea shore on the west side of the town of Eastham according to their best judgment. By me Joseph Doane Justice Peace and accordingly have made their Returns.

At a Town

at a Town meeting in Eastham on ye 12th Day of March 1744/5
warned to make Choise of all town officers for the ensuing year as the
Late Directs and for D^r Town to receive the report of the Selectmen of said
Town laying out Saverall waies in said town. ~~Joseph Smith~~ Chosen moderator
for said meeting and then proceeded and made Choise of Nathaniel Freeman for
town Clerk for the ensuing year

then made Choise of Samuel Freeman
for town treasurer

then made Choise of Thomas Knowls Joshua
Higgins and Jeremiah Mayo for
select men

then made Choise of Robert young Richard
Sparrow and Jabez Snow for town officers

then made Choise of Juda Rogers William
Walker and Joshua Hamblen for Constables

then made Choise of Samuel Higgins gut Israel
Mayo and Joseph Mayo Joshua Paine and
Jenny Cokone and William Lues for surveyors
of waies

then made Choise of Beniamine Higgins and
Stephen Snow y^r 3^d and John Treat for tithing men

then made Choise of Nathaniel Mayo and
Jonathan Smith for fence viewers

and also then made Choise of David Doane
Christian Rameck John Rich and Samuel
Smith for fence viewers

then made Choise of Jonathan Smith Jonathan
Higgins Samuel Freeman David Doane and
Samuel Smith Negative men

then made Choise of David young for
lather scales

then made Choise of Solomon pepper for
surveyor of bords and Ringles

then made Choise of Ebenezer Freeman for
dear reeves

then made Choise of Barnabas young to
put the Law in Execution relating to Creturs
going on Blensgate Beach

then made Choise of Israel Mayo James Smith
and David victory for hog reeves

then made Choise of Richard Paine and
Jeremiah Mayo for pond keepers

Entred by me Nathaniel Freeman Town clerk

at the same metin above
on the 12th Day March 1744/5
then received the report of the
select men laying out a way
which is as followeth

A way laid out in the Town
of Eastham along by the range
of the land called Smiths pur-
chase (172) begining at the
Roade that goes from Eastham
to Chatham by the rang of D^r
Smiths purchase so running west-
ward by said range on the towns
lands where the lots laid out by
the Town of Eastham are not
crowded home to D^r Smiths purchase
Range untel it comy Even on
a Crest with Nathaniel Snows
dwelling house

Dated Eastham March 2^d 1744/5

Samuel Knowls } select
Nathaniel Mayo } men
A vote was cald and pass in the negative

all to then the petition of the
widdow martha Atkins of Eastham
that the Town ^{would} please to for give
her selling them so far as they were
concerned ~~what~~ petition was
red and voted to be granted
entred by me Nathaniel Freeman Town
Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham
ye 13th Day of May 1744/5 warned
to make Choise of a suitable person for
a select man for D^r Town for the curant
year in the room of J^d of Jeremiah
Mayo who was chose at the last usual
March meeting and since refused to serve
Colonel John Knowls being then chosen
moderator for the meeting
then made Choise of Decon John Rich
for a select man to serve in the room
of Jeremiah Mayo the in fuing year
entred by me Nathaniel Freeman Town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 20th day of May 1744
warned to choose a representative to serve for and represent said Town at the great and ge-
neral court at Boston & also ^{to} said Town to consider and do what ^{in respect} be thought proper to
be done respecting the town school then chose Isaac Samuel Freeman moderator for
meeting then the Town made choice of Capt Samuel Knowls to represent the Town at the
great and general court at Boston then allso voted to chuse a committee to consider
and draw up something as they shall think proper in order to settling the ~~town~~ school
in D Town and for sd committee to give in their report to sd town at the next adjourn-
ment of sd meeting the Town then made choice of William Isaac Eger Jonathan Joane and
Capt Samuel Smith for sd committee then sd meeting by a vote called for by the moderator
was adjourned to the middle meeting house in Eastham on monday the 3^d day of june next
at three of the clock in the after noon

Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jur Town Clerk

at the above adjournment on the 3^d day of june William Isaac Eger
and Capt Samuel Smith made report to D town relating to settling
the school which was read and considered then the moderator called
for a vote whether the town would except of D report
and there was no vote but in negative

Nathaniel Freeman jur Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on monday the 3^d day of june 1744
warned to draw tickets for four petit jury men to serve at the
inferior Court of Common pleas to be holden at Barnstable the last
tuesday in june instant. then drawn out of the box for petit jury men
for D Court Silvanus Snow Moses Byrbe Wilbur Knowls and Barnabas
Twining Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jur Town Clerk

at a Town meeting on monday the 8th day of july 1744
warned to chuse 2 grand jury men and fourer petit jury men to serve
at the next Superior Court Court of assize and general Goals delivery
to be holden at Barnstable for the counties of Barnstable and Dukes County
on the third tuesday of this instoort ^{William Isaac Eger being chosen moderator} july then chose grand jurors
Nathaniel Joane and Joshua Knowls and then drawn out of the box for petit
jurors Benjamin Higgins Solomon pepper Robert young and Samuel
Joane jur Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jur Town Clerk

at a Town meeting august 12th 1744 warned to raise money to defray the
Town charges and all so to do what they should think proper of the ministrall
wood lot at the middle part of the Town Joseph Joane Esqr being chosen mode-
rator for D meeting then concluded and voted to raise the sum of one hundred and
and eighty pounds or thereabouts for the ends and uses above sd and that the assessors
for D Town forthwith make a rate on the polls and ~~the~~ estates of the taxable
inhabitants of D Town and deliver the list or lists to the Constables of D Town for
them to collect and pay in the same to the Town treasurer or his substitute the one half
there of on or before the last day of november next and the other half there of on or before the
last day of april next to be paid out as the law directs for the use above sd

Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jur Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on Monday the twelfth day of August 1741
then voted that Capt Samuel Knowls and Deacon Samuel Freeman be
a committee to view the ministerial wood lot in the middle part of the
Town and to make report to the Town at the next Town meeting

Entered Mr Nathaniel Freeman per Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on Monday the 30th day of September 1741
warned to Chuse two petit jury men to serve at the next inferior Court
of Common pleas to be holden at Barnstable Joseph Doane Esquire Chosen
moderator for the meeting then drawn out of the box for petit jurors
Joshua Higgins per and Nathaniel Atwood

Entered Mr Nathaniel Freeman per Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on Monday the thirtieth day of September
1741 warned to Chuse a suitable person to serve for a Constable in the
room of Judah Rogers who refused to serve being removed out of Town
Joseph Doane Esquire being chosen moderator then made choice of Moses Higgins
for a Constable and here refused to serve
all so at the same meeting made choice of Jonathan Higgins^{junr} for Con-
stable in the room of Judah Rogers

Entered Mr Nathaniel Freeman per Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on Monday the 13th day of January 1741/6
warned to Elect two good and lawfull men ^{to serve} on the petit jury at the next
inferior Court of Common pleas to be holden at Barnstable Jabez Snow per
Chosen moderator for the meeting then was drawn out of the Box for
for petit jurors for the Court Samuel Freeman and Durriel Mayo

Entered Mr Nathaniel Freeman per Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham March the 12th 1741/6 warned to Chuse two ^{men to} serve
as grandjurors for the year ensuing Deacon John Freeman Chosen moderator for the
meeting then chose for grand jurors Samuel Doane per and Samuel Higgins per
and also at the above meeting was drawn out of the box for petit jurors
for the next inferior Court to be holden at Barnstable Capt Samuel Smith
and Joshua Hamblen

at a Town meeting in Eastham on 12th day of march 1741/2 warned to make choice of all Town officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs: and also to do what might be thought proper for allowing the Constables for the year past for gathering the Town Rate and also to do what might be thought proper relating to settling the School in D Town John Freeman being chosen moderator for the meeting and then made choice of Nathaniel Freeman jun for Town clerk.

then chose for select men } John Rich
Thomas Knowls
Joshua Higgers jun

then chose for Town treasurer } Samuel Freeman

then chose for Town assessors } Richard Sparrow
Jonathan Joan
Robert young

then chose for Constables } Israel Mayo
Theophilus Higgers
Ebenzer Edry

then chose for Jurors } Samuel Higgers jun
Joshua Higgers
Elisha Higgers
Solomon Joane
William Luis
Benjamin Sweet

then chose Felling men } Elisha Cole
Nathan young
Simon Dore

then chose for fence viewers } Jonathan Smith
John young
Nathan Alward

then chose for negative men } Collet John Knowls
Capt Samuel Knowls
Israel Cole
Samuel Joane
Jervis Rogers

then chose for Surveyor of } Solomon pepper
Bonds and Shingles

then chose Lather Sealer } David young

then chose Deer view } Jeremiah Smith

then chose Hog view } Georg Brown
Elisha young jun
Edward Knowls

then chose pound keepers } Richard Paine
Jeremiah Mayo

then chose to put the Law }
in practice relating to criers } Benjamin young
gain on Billing gate beach

also at the above meeting march 12th 1741 the Town voted that if the Constables for the year past shall pay in the whole Town rate unto Samuel Freeman Town treasurer or his Successor and make up with D Freeman or his Successor on or before the first day of January next that then they shall be paid out of the Town treasury five pence on the pound in the same tenor as they shall pay in

also at the above meeting appointed John Freeman and Thomas Knowls to audit a Compts and make up with Samuel Freeman Town treasurer.

also at the above meeting made choice of Samuel Freeman and Thomas Knowls and Silvester Snow a Committee to consider and draw up something in order to settling the School in D town and to make report to the next town meeting
Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jun Town clerk

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at a Town meeting ^{in Eastham} on the 14th Day of May 1746
warned to chuse a representative to represent D Town at a grate and general
Court to be held at Boston on the 28th of this instant May and also for D Town
to appoint some suitable person to draw a petition for further representation
to lay before his Excellency for protection to protect the inhabitants from being
impressed and to do what might be thought proper for the rectifying a mistake
about a wood lot intended for the use of the ministry in the middle part of the
Town Joseph Doane Esqr. being chosen moderator for D meeting then the Town
made choice Capt Samuel Knowl for their Representative and also made choice
of Capt Samuel Knowl to draw a petition and to lay it before his Excellency
in order for approbation and also at the above D meeting voted that forty
pounds old tenor value be ordered out of the Towns treasury and put in to the hands
of Deacon Samuel Freeman to purchase so much wood land in Eastham for the use
of the ministry in the middle part of the Town of Eastham and kept
for that use to make up an intended wood lot there but not to be improved by
the minister or ministers so long as the precinct finds such minister or ministers there
free wood and that the D Samuel Freeman it also ~~improved~~ by D Town fully
imposed to take a deed of such said wood land for the use of the ministry forever
in the middle part of D Town Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman per Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 18th Day of June 1746
warned to draw tickets for four good and Lawful men to ^{serve} on the
petit jury at the next inferior Court to be holden at Barnstable Joseph
Doane Esqr. being chosen moderator for D meeting ~~then~~ then
D meeting was adjourned to Esqr Joseph Doane House and there
was drawn out of the box for petit jurors ^{for D Court} according to call
John Taylor Joseph Smith per John Harding and James Cahoon

at a town meeting in Eastham on the 7th Day of July 1746
warned to chuse six good and lawfull men two where of to serve on the grand
jury and four on the jury of trials at the next Superior Court of judicature Court
of assize and general goal delivery to be holden at Barnstable on the third day
of July instant and Joseph Doane Esqr. being chosen moderator for D
meeting the Town then made choice of Robert Young and Joshua Knowl for
grand jurors and there was then drawn out of the box for petit jurors
as the Law directs Thomas Knowl Jonathan Sparrow Jabez Snow per
and Richard Sparrow Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman per Town Clerk

at a Town meeting ^{in Eastham} August of 4th 1746 we went to raise money to defray
Town Charges for the ensuing year Jonathan Doane chosen moderator for the meeting
then concluded and voted to raise the sum of two hundred and forty pounds of tenor
the one half of ^{the} sum of two hundred and forty pounds to be paid in to Mr Samuel
freeman Town treasurer on his last score on or before the last day of November next
and the other half thereof on or before the last day of April next to be paid out
as the Law directs for the year above ^{said}

Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman Jr Town Clerk

at the a above ^{said} meeting the committee appointed by the Town to audit
a compts with Mr Samuel Freeman Town Treasurer gave in there report
which was as followeth

we the subscribers being appointed by the Town of Eastham to audit a compts
with Mr Samuel Freeman Town Treasurer for the time past since the last balanc
have accordingly this 6th day of June 1746 Examined said compts and
find them well voucht and right cast and we find ^{said} Treasurer hath paid
out Eighty eight pounds nine shillings and five pence of tenor more then he
hath received in from the several Constables. and we find out standing
in the several Constables hands one hundred and Eighty nine pounds ten shillings
and five pence of tenor

John Freeman

Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman Jr Town Clerk Thomas Knowlton

Whereas as God in his sovereign providence hath taken away by Death the
Reverend Mr Webb pastor of the north church in the south precinct in East-
ham and we look on ~~our~~ ourselves obliged to take suitable care for the
supplying that vacancy as soon as may be ruleably done and there being
a precinct meeting ^{advisedly} warned and met at the ~~first~~ meeting house in
the south precinct in Eastham on Wednesday of 27th day of August
anno Domini 1746 and notice given in and by ^{the} warning that it was to
make choyce of ~~some~~ suitable person or persons to seek out for some person
to come to us in order for the supplying the vacancy made and to preach
Gods word to us as a probationer in order for a settlement in the work
of the ministry and Joseph Doane Esqr being chosen moderator
for the meeting the precinct then made choyce of Deacon Samuel Freeman
to seek out for some suitable person to supply ^{the} vacancy and to preach
Gods word to us as a house ^{said} Entered by Nathaniel Freeman Jr Precinct Clerk

15 and also notice being given in and by the a above ^{said} warning to consider and
do what ~~proper~~ ^{might be} for the relief and support of the bereaved Mrs Webb and then at
the a above ^{said} meeting (viz) on Wednesday of 27th day of August 1746
the precinct then voted to allow and give to the bereaved widow Mrs
Webb thirty pounds of tenor for her support for one year from the date
here of and also then voted that the ^{said} Mrs Webb shall have the use and
of the fire wood that was to be provided for the ministry in this place the
year current provided she ^{said} Mrs Webb will load the minister that

cons to preach here in her House for reasonable pay and also
she the sd Mrs Webb to have the improvement of the ministerial meadow
and the ministerial land already cleared until the last day of July next.
she the sd Mrs Webb finding satisfaction for the ministers here that to preach
here. In term

Entered for Nathaniel Freeman jr precinct clerk
also voted at the above meeting that Mr Samuel Doane jr
procure a fire wad as he was to have done if Mr Webb had lived.
Entered for me Nathaniel Freeman jr precinct clerk

at a town meeting ~~held in Eastham~~ in Eastham
October the 1st 1746 warned to chuse two good and Lawfull
men to serve on the petit jury at the next inferior Court to be holden
at Barnstable John Freeman being chosen moderator for the meeting
there was then drawn out of the box for petit jurors
for the Court Henry Young and Benjamin Higgins the 2^d
Entered for me Nathaniel Freeman jr Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham on the thirteenth day of January 1746/7
warned to Elect two good and Lawfull men of the Town to serve
on the petit jury for trials at the next inferior Court to be holden
at Barnstable Robert Young being chosen moderator for the meeting
there was then drawn out of the box for petit jurors
for the Court as the Law directs Simon Doane and Samuel Harding
Entered for Nathaniel Freeman jr Town Clerk

~~at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 1st day of March 1746/7
warned to chuse two good and Lawfull men of the Town to serve
on the petit jury for trials at the next inferior Court to be holden
at Barnstable Robert Young being chosen moderator for the meeting
there was then drawn out of the box for petit jurors
for the Court as the Law directs Simon Doane and Samuel Harding
Entered for Nathaniel Freeman jr Town Clerk~~

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 1st day of March 1746/7 warned to
Chuse Town Clerk and all other Town officers as the Law directs there
was also notice given in and by the warning that it was the intention
for the Town to do what they should think proper in respect of petitioning
to the General Court for an act to oblige the proprietors to fence more or less
of the meadow and land adjoining and also for an act for impounding any
neat cattle or fers kind that shall be found on the beach and also to do
what may be thought proper in making some allowance to the constables for
the year past Deacon Samuel Freeman being chosen moderator for the meeting
the Town then made choyce of Nathaniel Freeman jr for Town Clerk

and there was then chose } Thomas Knowl
for select men for the } Joshua Higgins jr
Town } and John Rich

and for Town } Stephen Sparrow
assessors } Richard Sparrow
and Jonathan Doane

and there was then chose } Deacon
for Town Treasurer } Samuel Freeman

then chose
for Constables } Thomas Snow 1st
David Brown
Benjamin Sweet

then chose for
Tithing men } Elifha young
Samuel Brown
Daniel Smith

then chose for
surveyors of ways } Samuel Higgins
David Higgins
Joshua Knowles
Solomon Doane
Isaac Bacer
Daniel Mayo

then chose for
fence viewers } Jonathan Smith
Samuel Horton
Joseph Atkins

then chose for
negative men } Joseph Doane Elgr
John Freeman
Israel Cole
David Doane
Samuel Doane

then chose for sur-
veyor of woods and
shingles } Solomon Stepper

then chose for taker
of scales } David young

then chose for
receivers } Ebenezer Freeman

then chose for
receivers } Joseph young
Georg Brown
Barnabas Twining

then chose
pound keepers } Richard Paine
Jeremiah Mayo

then chose to put the law in practice
relating to Cretures going at large
on Billerds Gate Beach
Capt Samuel Smith

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Deacon John Freeman and Deacon Thomas
Knowles were appointed by the Town to aud-
itate accounts with Deacon Samuel Freeman
Town treasurer

and there was then a vote
called for by the moderator to
know whether the Town would
choose a committee to draw a peti-
tion to lay before great and
general Court as they shall think
proper for the ends and uses a
bove it and a vote passed in
the affirmative and there was
then chose for the committee
by vote of the Town: Joseph
Doane Elgr Mr Samuel Doane
Deacon Samuel Freeman and
Mr David Doane

.. also at the afore^d meeting
.. march 27th 1746/7
it was voted by the Town that
if the constables for the year
past shall pay in ^{the wages of} their sawed
logs set to them to gather in
the assessors of a Town rate with Deacon
Samuel Freeman Town treasurer
or his successor and shall
make up with the Freeman
or his successor by the
first day of January next
that then they shall be allowed
and paid out of the Town trea-
sury power pence on the pound
in the same tenor as they shall
pay in to the treasurer

and at the same meeting
Deacon John Freeman and
Deacon Thomas Knowles were
appointed to peruse accounts
with the treasurer

and then the meeting was adjourned
to Monday next the 15th
day of this instant at three
o'clock in the afternoon at
the middle meeting place in
Eastham to know whether

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the D Thomas Snow and David Brown which were chosen
Constables would Excuse or refuse ^{and} pursuant to D adjournment
the Town being assembled at time and place and the D Thomas Snow and David
Brown were present and made their ple that they were not qualified for
which reason and several others they were Excused and the Town then
made choice of prince Colings for constable in the middle part of
D Town and also then made choice of Joseph Hammon for constable
in the south part of D Town

Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman Jr Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on Monday y^e 16th day of March at six o'clock
in the afternoon warned by the constable to chuse two men to serve on
the grand jury the year in being Deacon Samuel Freeman being chosen moderator
for D meeting the Town then made choice of Elisha Freeman and Joseph
Sparrow for grand jurors

Recorded by me Nathaniel Freeman Jr Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham ^{Tuesday} on y^e 24th day of March 1746/7
and there was notice given in the warning of D meeting that it was to
be whether the Town would Except Simon Doane for constable in the room
of prince Colings or chuse another and the Town se case not to accept
D Simon Doane. but proceeded and chuse prince Colings for constable for
this year in being who was present and accepted. and there was also
notice given in and by D warning that it was for D Town to consider and do
what might be thought proper to be done in respect of the broken ^{land} that lies
between Mr Samuel Freemans and Nathaniel Woods and after some discourse
on the premises it was thought proper by some to chuse two men to frame
in specton over D broken land and to drive off or impound all sheep
found going at large on D broken land and there was then a voice called
by the moderator to know whether they would chuse two men to drive
off or impound D sheep as a consent which passed in the affirmative and
there was then chosen ~~for~~ for that service John Freeman Jr and
Nathaniel Doane Entered for Nathaniel Freeman Jr Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on Friday the 12th day of May 1747
warned to chuse a representative and there was also notice given in and by
D warning that it was to do what should thought proper for the preser-
vation of the broken land in the middle part of D Town and Col Samuel Knowl
being chosen moderator for D meeting it was thought proper by some to chuse
a committee to view D broken land and discourse with the owners thereof and
to make report at the next Town meeting that shall be warned in D town to
raise money as they shall think proper relating to the premises and there was
then a voice called for by the moderator to know whether would chuse a

Committee for the eds an issues a bond which passed in the affirmative and there was then chosen for D Committee Deacon John Freeman Mr Samuel Doane and Mr Stephen Sparrow: there was also there a vote cast by the moderator to know whether the Town would choose a number of men to impound all sick sheep as they should find going at large and it broke hard which passed in the affirmative and there was then chosen by vote of D Town Deacon Samuel Freeman Capt Jacob Snow Lettice and Knowls James Smith and Joshua Knowls to impound D sheep as a bond D

Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jr. Town Clerk

At a Town meeting in Eastham upon the 17th Day of June 1747 warned to elect four good and Lawfull men to serve on the ^{petit} jury for trials at the next inferior Court to be holden at Barnstable and there was then elected for D jurors David young Elifha young Barnabas young and Elifha Higgers

Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jr. Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on y^e 22th Day of June 1747 warned to choose five good and lawfull men two where of to serve on the grand jury and four on the jury of trials at the next Superior Court to be holden at Barnstable on the third Tuesday of July next and Joseph Doane Esq^r being chosen moderator for D meeting there was then chosen James Higgers and Joseph pepper to serve as grand jurors at D Court and Deacon John Rich and Mr James Higgers Dea John Freeman and Nathaniel Freeman jr. to serve on the petit jury at D Court Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jr. Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 27th Day of July 1747 warned to choose a select man for the room of Deacon John Rich deceased the inhabitant of D Town being met at time and place made choice of Mr David Doane for moderator for D meeting and there was then chosen by D Town Samuel Doane jr. select man to serve in the room of Deacon John Rich deceased

Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jr. Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 1st Day of August 1747 orderly warned and met and notice being giving in and by D warning that it was to raise money ~~to be paid~~ to defray all Town charges for the in coming year and also to choose a Town assessor in the room of Stephen Sparrow who is about to remove out of Town and John Freeman being chosen moderator for D meeting it was then concluded and voted to raise on the poles and Estates of the rateable inhabitants of the Town two hundred and forty pounds or tenor the one half of D two hundred and forty pounds to be paid in to Mr Samuel Freeman Town treasurer or his Successor on or before the last day of November next and the other half on or before the last day of April next to be paid out of the Law direct for the year above D and there was then chosen Theophilus Paine for Town assessor in the room of Stephen Sparrow

Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jr. Town Clerk

we the subscribers being appointed by the Town of Eastham to
audit a Compt with Mr Samuel Freeman Town Treasurer from according
by this first day of July anno Domini 1747 Examined & accounted
and find them well voucht and Right cast and we find D Treasurer
hath paid out Eight pounds one penny ob tenor more then he has re=
ceived in of the several Constables. and we find yet standing in
the several Constables hands one hundred and seven and three pence
ob tenor

the above ^{was} recd. accepted

John Freeman
Thomas Knowles

Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jun Town Clerk

we the subscribers being chosen agents by the Town of Harwich and the Town
of Eastham to agree on D Towns behalf how and where the inhabitants of
Each of D Towns should be assessed for the real Estate which any of D inha=
bitants own and are possess of. not lying in either of D Towns which they
live in or are an inhabitant of: we have accordingly considered said
affair with the circumstances and quality thereof and have mutually
agreed that the Town of Harwich shall for the future assess all
the inhabitants of D Town for all the real Estate they own and
posses lying in the Town Ship of D Eastham. and also they shall assess
all the Estate of Joshua Higgers and Judah Rogers that lies in the
Town Ship of Harwich and that the Town of Eastham shall assess
all the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham except D Joshua Higgers
and said Judah Rogers for all the real Estate D inhabitants own and
posses in the Town Ship of Harwich, this agreement to continue forever
here after except either of the D Towns shall give notice to the other
Town four months before making an assessment that they will no longer
abide by D agreement. In witness where of we have here unto set
our hands this fiftenth day of Septor 1743 William Paine
Stephen Sparrow

Truly Entered from a script given

to me with these names subscribed

Nathaniel Freeman jun Town Clerk

Stephen Sparrow

William Freeman

Jabez Snow

at a Town meeting on y^e 30th day of September 1747
legally warned and notice being given in and by D warning that it was to
choose two good and lawfull men to serve on the petit jury at the next
inferior court to be holden at Barnstable and there was then chosen as
the Law direct Ebenezer Snow and David Higgers to serve on the
petit jury at D court Entered per Nathaniel Freeman jun Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on y^e 13th day of January 1747/8
legally warned and notice being given in and by D warning that it was to
choose two good and lawfull men to serve on the petit jury for trials at the
at the next court of general sessions of the peace and at the next inferior court of
Court more places to be holden at Barnstable on the third tuesday of January instant and
there was then chosen as the Law direct Joseph Rogers and Ebenezer Atwood to serve as
petit jury at D court Entered per Nathaniel Freeman jun Town Clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham on the 13th day of January 1747/8 legally warned and notice being given in and by a warrant that it was to do what might be thought proper in allowing those that had the small pox the charge of that Mr Samuel Gate and Thomas Holbrooks and some others Demanded of them and the inhabitants of the Town being assembled and Col Samuel Knowls being chosen moderator for said meeting and it was then voted by a unanimous vote that fifty pounds old tenor vally be raised on on the rateable Estates of the rateable inhabitants of the Town of Eastham and paid in to the select men of the Town or their successors and by them paid out to those persons of the Town that by reason of the late small pox are become so poor as not to be able to pay the charge of their one or their relations attendance and charge of sickness of the distemper. Said money to be paid out according to the judgment of the select men in proportion to each ones necessity or that the money or sum be paid out of the Town treasury if there be money in or may come in by what is by the Town already raised to come into the treasury the money to be paid out discretionally namely to Thankful Alford widow Jeremiah Lambert Deborah Hawn widow David Vickery and Mary Snow widow according to each ones necessary circumstances Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman Jr Town Clerk

~~at a meeting in Eastham on the 8th day of March 1747/8 legally warned and notice being given in and by a warrant that it was to do what might be thought proper in allowing those that had the small pox the charge of that Mr Samuel Gate and Thomas Holbrooks and some others Demanded of them and the inhabitants of the Town being assembled and Col Samuel Knowls being chosen moderator for said meeting and it was then voted by a unanimous vote that fifty pounds old tenor vally be raised on on the rateable Estates of the rateable inhabitants of the Town of Eastham and paid in to the select men of the Town or their successors and by them paid out to those persons of the Town that by reason of the late small pox are become so poor as not to be able to pay the charge of their one or their relations attendance and charge of sickness of the distemper. Said money to be paid out according to the judgment of the select men in proportion to each ones necessity or that the money or sum be paid out of the Town treasury if there be money in or may come in by what is by the Town already raised to come into the treasury the money to be paid out discretionally namely to Thankful Alford widow Jeremiah Lambert Deborah Hawn widow David Vickery and Mary Snow widow according to each ones necessary circumstances Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman Jr Town Clerk~~

at a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Eastham duly qualified and lawfully warned in publick Town meeting assembled at the meeting House in Eastham on Tuesday the 8th March 1747/8 and notice being given in and by a warrant that it was to choose a Town Clerk Town treasurer select men and all other Town officers for the ensuing year and also to do what should be thought proper in allowing the severall Constables in Eastham for gathering in the rates in the year 1747. and also to do what should be thought proper in allowing sheep going at large in the Town of Eastham and Joseph Doane Esq being chosen moderator for said meeting: Nathaniel Freeman Jr was then chosen Town Clerk and Joseph Doane Jr was chosen Town Treasurer

Chosen select men	Col Samuel Smith Symon Knowls Jonathan Smith	Chosen fence viewers	Joseph Sparrow Joseph Mayo Joseph Young	William Luis was chosen to take care of the gate house as the Law directs.
Chosen Town assessors	John Freeman Jonathan Higgins John Doane	Chosen negative men	Col John Knowls Col Samuel Knowls John Freeman Timothy Cole Samuel Doane	Samuel Doane was chosen to take care of the water-branch as the Law directs.
Chosen Constables	Thomas Snow Simoon Doane Georg Ward	Surveyors of lands	Col Solomon pepper	it was also voted that if the Constables for the year 1747 shall spend in the whole of their several sums set to them by the officers to gather in as a town rate unto Nathaniel Freeman Jr Town Treasurer or his successors by the first day of January next that they shall
Chosen Working men	Nathaniel Mayo William Walker Elisha Holbrooks	Lothier Sealers	David Young William Luis	
Chosen Surveyors of ways	William Turning James Joshua Hamblin	hog reaves	John Cole John Smith Georg Brown	
		poor keepers	Richard Paine Jeremiah Mayo	

be allowed and paid out of the Town Treasury for the same on the ground in the same tenor as they shall pay in to the Treasurer

there was sum discours relating to sheep going at large but that was dismissed without coming a vote — Entered pr Nathaniel Freeman jr Town Clerk

at a Town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Eastham duly qualified and lawfully warned in publick Town meeting assembled at the middle meeting house in D Eastham on tues day of 9th day of march 1748 notice being given in and by D warning that it was to chuse two good and lawfull men of D Town to serve on the grand jury at the court of general sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable on the third tuesday of march instant and at the several courts of general sessions of the peace successively to be holden there for one year. and two men a like qualified to serve on the petit jury for trials at said court of common pleas to be holden at Barnstable above sd on the third tues day of march instant and John Freeman being chosen moderator for D meeting there was then chosen for D grand jurors to serve as above said James Rogers jr and Ebenezer Atwood and there was then chosen or drawn to serve on the petit jury as a boue said Nathaniel Mayo and Jeremiah Mayo Entered pr Nathaniel Freeman jr Town Clerk

at a Town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of of the Town of Eastham duly qualified and lawfully warned in publick Town meeting assembled at the middle meeting house in D Eastham on monday the 16th day of may 1748 and Joseph Dore Esq being chosen moderator for D meeting Col Samuel Knowles was chosen to represent the Town at a great and general court to be holden at Boston on the 21st day of may instant also then chose Theophilus Paine and Joseph Smith jr to make a compts with Dea Samuel Freeman Town Treasurer. also then voted that they that had the small pox ^{at Barnstable} pay the charge of their tendance that remains besides what the Town has all ready paid also vote that Ebenezer Atwood administer on the estate of Richard Cook deceased and pay the charge of his funeral in small pox and his funeral charges and if there be not Estate enough to pay D charge

~~the Town to pay what it falls short it was voted in the morning to call~~
the a boue of meeting that it was to chuse a representative and to chuse two men to make up a compts with the Town Treasurer and also to do what shall be thought proper for ordering the Billingsgate people paying the charge of their sickness and tendance in time of the small pox and also to do what might be thought proper about the charge of Richard Cook deceased who died of the small pox

Entered pr Nathaniel Freeman jr Town Clerk

at a Town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Eastham duly qualified and lawfully warned in publick town meeting assembled at the middle meeting house in D Eastham on monday of 16th of may 1748 and notice being given in and by D warning that it was to chuse a man to serve on the grand Jury in the name of Ebenezer Atwood who was released and four men duly qualified according to law to serve on the petit jury for trials at the next inferior court to be holden at Barnstable on the last tues day of june next and Gabez Snow junr being chosen moderator for D meeting Nathaniel Mayo was chosen for D grand juriman and Samuel Hotten Jonathan Higgers jr Stephen Snow and Joseph Sparrow was chosen for petit jurors said court Nathaniel Freeman jr Town Clerk

at a Town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of
Eastham duly qualified and lawfully warned in publick Town meeting assembled at
the middle meeting house in D Eastham on monday the 16th day of may 1748
and Joseph Doane Esq being chosen moderator for D meeting it was then com-
plaint by some persons that there was more taverns in D town than was need
full and that they thought it would be proper to lay a petition be for
the next inferior ^{next inferior} court at Barnstable to lessen ~~the~~ the taverns in D Town
and there was then a vote call by the moderator whether the select
men as agents for D town ^{namely Samuel Knowl and Jonathan Smith} should draw a petition to lay before
D court to lessen the taverns in D town as above and the vote
passed in the affirmative Entred for Nathaniel Freeman jr Town Clerk

at a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of Town of Eastham duly
qualified and lawfully warned in publick Town meeting assembled at the south meeting
house in D Eastham on monday the 4th day of July 1748 and notice being given
in and by D warning that it was to chuse five good and lawfull men of D town
two where of to serve on the grand jury and four on the jury of trials at the next
superior court to be holden at Barnstable on the third Tues day of July instant
and Joseph Doane Esq being chosen moderator for D meeting there was then cho-
sen for D grand jurors Joshua Higgins jr and Theophilus Paine and for D
jury of trials capt Elisha Doane capt Zoheth Smith Joshua Treest and
Jonathan Doane Entred for Nathaniel Freeman jr Town Clerk

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of
Eastham duly qualified and lawfully warned in publick Town meeting
assembled at the middle meeting house in Eastham on monday the 22nd day
of august 1748 and it was sited in the notification or warning for
D meeting that it was to raise money on the poles and Estates of the rateable
inhabitants of D Town to pay the Town School master and for the support
of the pore and such other necessary charges as shall arise in D Town
and Joseph Doane Esq being chosen moderator for D meeting it was then
concluded and voted to raise on the poles and Estates of the rateable
inhabitants of D Town four hundred and fifty pounds or tenor for the
uses a bove & at the above D meeting august the 22nd 1748 it being sited
in the warning to call D meeting to chuse a committee to draw a petition to lay
before the great and General Court relating to the feeble and decaying circum-
stances of our Town and Joseph Doane Esq being chosen moderator for
D meeting Col Samuel Knowls was chosen to draw a petition at a bove
D and to lay it before said court also then voted that the Town would
be at the cost of a committee to view D Towne if it could not be ob-
taind without also then voted that the county rate should be paid
out of the Town Treasury Entred by me Nathaniel Freeman jr Town Clerk

at a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of
the Town of Eastham duly qualified and lawfully warned
in public Town meeting assembled at the middle meeting
House in Eastham on Monday the 15th day of January 1748/9
and notice was given in and by sd warning that it was to
consider and do what might be thought proper to be done
with respect to the payment of the men mr Rate and c^t
pepper that tended the families that was visited with the
small pox in the precinct of Billingsgate whether the former
select men shall stop their proportion that was Determined
for them to pay out of the province rate that the select
men were ordered by the General Court to distribute to the
persons that was visited with that distemper or whether
the present select men shall pay them out of the Town
Treasury and Deacon Samuel Freeman being chosen
Moderator for sd meeting it was then concluded and voted
that if any of the persons visited with the small pox
in sd precinct should to pay their respective jury Determined
for them to pay for tenders that then the above
sd select men should keep back so much of the province money
that they were ordered to distribute to them in order to
pay to those to whom it is due for tending

... Entred for Nathaniel Freeman per Town clerk

at a Town meeting in Eastham lawfully warned and
held at the middle meeting-house in Eastham on Monday the
15th day of May 1749 at one of the Clock in the afternoon
and there was notes given in sd warning to choose a represen-
tative to represent the town in the grate and general Court
and all so to a lot the polls that was in the Kings service
and also to receive the community report relating to the
broken land in the middle part of the town
and all so to do what may be proper as to prosecuting
the men chosen by the town to sea act Capt in posse relating
to Billingset beach and to choose others in that service
and also to do what may be proper in stopping the lane that
goes from prius Colings Down to the great meadow by gates or bars
and also to make a house to the ^{farmers} Constables for there
collecting the town and province rate
and also to do what may be proper to obtain some abatement
of province tax on sd town by petition or agent or other will =

Cornel Samuel Knowles was chosen moderator for 173
meeting and Cornel Samuel Knowles was chosen
proprietor the same in a great one given out to hold at
Boston for the year 1731. There was a road called by
the moderator under the power of those that were in the
Kings power should be a better road and it passed in
the majestice.

at the a house meeting the community brought in their report
relating to the broken land in the middle part of the town
and it was voted as follows proposed to put in a petition to the
general court for liberty to stop all the lanes or ways that
leads to the broken land in the the middle part of the town
by passing a cross there by gates or bars and that every man
maintain his fence that encloses any land, buting against
a broken land and that no proprietor of a broken land
shall till or break up any of a lanes under the protec-
tion or privilege of a fence and also that no cattle sheep
or horse kind be allowed to feed there on from the middle
of april to the last of october yearly and that there be
a man or men chosen yearly and sworn to improve all
cattle sheep and horse and fence and fence them on
the report of the community may 15 1737

at the a house meeting it was voted that Stephen King,
David Wickers and Benjamin Gray should be the men
to see the law put in execution relating to the King's Bench
and at the a house meeting voted that Samuel Smith
should be Dismissed from taking care of the King's Bench
and at the a house meeting it was voted that
Ezekiel Holbrook should be presented for not keeping
their oaths to see the law put in execution relating
to the King's Bench

at the a house meeting it was voted that the
the ways from prison to the Court should be
dismissed

and at the a house meeting it was voted that the
front constables should have three pence on the pound for collect-
ing there town weight committed to them to collect if
so constables pay in and make up with the town treasure
on or before the fifteenth of January next

at the a house meeting it was voted concerning sending a petition
to get the present town road and Dismiss
the present road

at the a-ford meeting in may the 15: 1749 the selectmen
 brought in the report as followeth
 Eastham may: 2: 1749 we the subscribers this day met
 together in order for the immolation of the line and to
 remove the marks and bounds between the town of Eastham
 and Harwich and proceeded as followeth: beginning at
 a swamp wood tree marked into a stone by a line near the
 head of great necke-shoet near the north westerly corner
 as the creek runs into the sea and from thence before named
 south easterly over to a stone marked E H at the head
 of a branch that runs into the salt water pond a little
 to the westward of Samuel Kings dwelling house thence down
 as the canal runs out up to pond into the sea at
 port norwiche harbor

Entered for Thomas Knowles son of Clark
 John Freeman } select
 John Snow } men of
 John Snow } Eastham
 John Snow } select men
 William Freeman } of Harwich
 } or one ap-
 } pointed by the
 } select men

At a town meeting in Eastham lawfully warned and
 held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Thursday
 the 8: Day of June 1749 at one of the Clock in the after-
 noon and there was notice given in the morning to Charles
 H men for petty jury were to come on the petty jury at the
 next inquest Court of Common pleas to be holden at Harwich
 on the last Tuesday instant Joseph Bone Esqr. being chosen
 Moderator there was then Chosen for petty jury men
 William Smith & Theophilus pain Israel Cole and
 Thomas Knowles Entered for Thomas Knowles son of Clark

July: 5: 1749 at a town meeting made Choyse of William
 Walker for moderator made Choyse for grand jury
 Jonathan Bone John Smith Simon Bone for petty jury
 made Choyse of William Walker Joshua Higgins and Joseph
 Hamblton William Knowles Joshua Higgins for made Choyse
 for Clark of for so meeting on the 5th of July 1749 then personally
 appeared before the subscriber the above named Joshua Higgins
 and gave oath to the above written and that he would give a
 true account to the sworn Clark of what was done at the a-
 fore town meeting sworn before me Samuel Knowles justice of peace
 the above written is a faithfully Transcribed from the original
 script brought to me
 for Thomas Knowles son of Clark

At a town meeting lawfully notified in Eastham and held
at the middle eating house in Eastham on Friday the 24th
of August 1717 at one of the Clock in the afternoon there was
notes given in so warning to raise money to pay the School
master and for the support of the poor and other necessary char-
ges a rising in so and all to do what may be proper
as to a paying the right of Nathaniel Walker late Deceased
and all so to reserve the account of the widow Martha Allen
as to her charge and trouble in the time of the small pox
Cornel Samuel Knowles Chosen moderator for a meeting
it was then voted that the County weight should be paid
out of the town treasure. there was then voted that
to raise twelve hundred pounds old tenor to Defray the
town charges it was then voted to take of Nathaniel
Walkers Deceased right it was then voted that the
widow Martha Allen should have five pounds old tenor
for her trouble in the time of the small pox in
Bilingsgate Entred for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham at the south meeting house in Eastham
on Tuesday the 26th of September 1717 at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon
there was notes in so warning to choose 2 men to serve on the jury at the
inferior Court of Common pleas to be holden at Barnstable on the 3rd Tuesday
of October next Deacon John Freeman Chosen moderator for a meeting
there was then Chosen for jury giving men Daniel Knowles and John Cole
Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham ^{lawfully notified} at the middle meeting house
in Eastham on Monday the first day of January 1718 at
2 of the Clock in the afternoon there was notes given in so
warning to choose 2 men for to serve for jury giving men
to serve at the next inferior Court of Common pleas to be
holden at Barnstable on the third Tuesday of January
Capt. Abel Snow was Chosen moderator for a meeting
there was then Chosen for jury giving men Stephen Snow & 3
and Josias Sears Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town ^{meeting} ~~meeting~~ held by warrant - held at the residence
 meeting house in Southam on Monday the twelfth
 day of March 1749/50, there was notes in the forenoon
 Cause a town Clerk & constables select men and all other town
 persons as the law requires for the ensuing year and also to choose
 a Committee to frame a petition and send into the general Court at Boston
 To enable us by an act to secure and ~~maintain~~ preserve the prob
 on land in the middle part of so town according to the report
 of the Committee that was accepted by the town and to consider
 and do what the town shall think proper about stopping the
 way between the land of James Collins and saiden's snow at
 the grate neck so called likewise to choose an agent to answer
 a Complaint that Moses Goble entered a gainst the town -
 Deacon John Freeman being chosen moderator for so meeting
 Thomas Knowles chosen town Clerk

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Town treasure | Deacon Samuel Freeman |
| Town assessors | John young
Samuel Dore Jr
Thomas Snow |
| Constables | Joshiah Sears
Solomon Dore
Samuel Dore |
| Sitting men | John Snow
Joseph Atkins
Isaac Mayo |
| Surveyors of ways | Ebenezer Attwood
William March
David young |
| Four voters | Jonathan Smith
John Smith
Ephraim Couel |
| Magistrate men | Samuel Dore
Samuel Freeman
Benjamin Snow
Samuel Knowles
Timothy Cole |
| Surveyors of Cows and Hinges | Solomon paper
Edward Knowles |
| Lether Sellers | Joshiah Sears
Levy Smith
Solomon Dore |
| Four reaps | William Walker
Ebenezer Freeman |
| hog reaps | Jose Snow
Nathaniel Attwood
Samuel Smith |
| perme
reaps | Josephiah Mayo
Richard Paine |

at the a fore so meeting it
 was voted that Ebenezer
 Higgins and Thomas
 Knowles should be a com-
 mity to answer a petition
 put in to the general Court by
 James Higgins and others for
 liberty to improve cattle
 and horses found feeding
 on the south propriety
 mease and bog ground with
 out making any fees -
 then a vote was called by
 the moderator whether
 a petition should be given
 to lay before the general
 Court whether the way
 should be stoped that
 leads to the broken
 land in the middle part
 of the town or not and
 it passed in the negative

select men { Leath Smith 167
 { Eornen Freeman
 { Joshua Knowles

to put the law in execution relating to tithes { Samuel Smith Esq
 { Benjamin Young
 { J. B. Smith

to put the law in execution relating to tithes { Samuel Young
 { J. B. Smith

at the a fore so meeting a vote was called by the moderator whether the line should be stop between the Lane of Mrs Colins and the Lane of Salomas more and it passed in the negative

at the a fore so meeting the town ward Cops of Ebenezer Higgins for an agent to answer a complaint made against the town at Barnstable Court

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

on may 4: 17: 1750 the select men brought in their report to be put on record and it is as followeth on the fifteenth of may 1750 wth the subscribers having met by appointment did then renew the range of line between the town of Eastham and the town of Barnstable by new marking the trees from the westerly bounds to the east sea p^r us Joshua Knowles selectmen

Leath Smith of Eastham
 Jonathan Paine selectmen
 Zachary Rich of Barnstable

at a town meeting in Eastham May 17: 1750 there was voted in the morning to choose a representative to represent the town in a great and general Court at Boston there was then chosen for representative Samuel Knowles Esq then Samuel Knowles (chosen moderator) and at the same meeting there was voted given to town at might be proper concerning the score and to do something that may be thought proper concerning the mistake that was made in Jonathan Paine's last present vote and to consider the complaint of Joshua Hopkins whether his warrant should be a valid or not it was then voted concerning the score and to dismiss it was then voted that the assessors should go to Israel at Barnstable and cut the ^{namely Samuel Davidson's name} ^{that is in his possession} ^{in them} ^{and so on} ^{if any mistake} ^{be taken of} ^{this year} ^{Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk}

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 18th of June 1790
at one of the clock in the afternoon there was votes in so
warning to remove the box for petty Gury men Deacon
John Freeman Chosen moderator for so meeting
There was then a committee Chosen namely Edmond Freeman
Leath Smith and Ebenezer Liggins to sort the names of
the men which into the supper box and which into the infer
box which committee so did then it was voted by the Town
Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on Monday 18 of June 1790 at 2 of the
clock in the afternoon it was to choose 4 petty Gury men
There was then drawn out of the box for petty Gury men
for the inspection at Barnstable the last Tuesday in June
namely Ebenezer Edward Joseph Pepper Isaac Liggins Jr
Joseph Perse and so for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house ^{in Eastham} on Monday the 18th of June 1790 at 3 of the
clock in the afternoon there was votes in so warning to
choose 7 men three for grand Gury men and 4 for petty
Gury men to serve at the next Superior Court at Barnstable
Thomas Knowles Chosen moderator for so meeting There
was then Chosen for grand Gury men namely William
Walker Joshua Knowles and Samuel Pease Jr
and there was drawn out of the box for petty Gury men
Edward Angell Timothy Coale John Pease and John Paine
Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 13 of
August 1790 ^{at one of the clock in the afternoon} there was votes in so warning to raise
moneys to pay the schoolmaster and other necessary
charges arising in so Town as also to do what may be
proper in allowing each Constable for gathering the
town raight the last year and also to consider further
what may be proper to be done relating ^{to the} mistake
made in Richard Paines raight Samuel Knowles Esqr
Chosen moderator for so meeting

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the South meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 31 day of December 1750 ^{at 11 o'clock in the afternoon} there was votes in so evening to chuse 2 petty jury men to serve on the petty jury at the next inferior Court to be holden at Barnstable on the 3 Tuesday of January next there was then drawn out of the Box for petty jury men Edward Cole and Jonathan Cole records that the above names should be suppressed ^{any day of the seven next to the middle of February next} Received for Thomas Knowles 15 senn Clark

at a town meeting in Eastham lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in so Eastham on Monday the 11 day of March 1750 at 11 o'clock in the fore noon there was votes in so morning to chuse 2 grand jury men for the ensuing year and 2 petty jury men to serve at the next inferior Court to be holden at Barnstable Joseph Doane Esqr Chosen moderator for so meeting there was then Chosen for grand jury men Ebenezer Atwoods and Israel Cole and for petty jury men Clark Joseph Smith Jr and Salomon Cole Records for Thomas Knowles 15 senn

at a town meeting in Eastham lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in so Eastham on Monday the 11 of March 1750/51 at 11 o'clock in the fore noon there was votes in so evening to chuse a town clerk select men assessors and all other town officers for the ensuing year as the law Directs and also if it shall be thought proper to grant liberty Deacon Samuel Freeman Governorah Smith Samuel Smith and others who are the proprietors of the broken land in the middle part of the town to stop up the way that leads from the Common road near Nathaniel Atwoods towards James Smiths and the way that leads from Nathaniel Atwoods throw the broken land to the cross ways near Deacon Samuel Freemans and the way from so Freemans to Nathaniel Bacons by convenient gates or bars for preventing the destruction of so lands and grant liberty to stop the way by gates or bars that leads from James Colingges southerly to Joseph Handings Joseph Doane Esqr Chosen moderator for so meeting there was then Chosen for

for select men	Joseph Smith Edmond Freeman Joshua Knowles	at the a town meeting published that the ways should be stoped by gates or bars that leads from Nathaniel Atwoods to James Smiths and the way that leads from Nathaniel Atwoods throw the broken land to the cross ways near Samuel Freemans and the road from so Freemans to Nathaniel Bacons
for assessors	Samuel Doane Jr Joseph Smith Thomas Snow	
town measure	Samuel Freeman	
constables	Edward Knowles Daniel Cole Joseph Atkens	

for finding men } gashua Cole
 171 } James Linferrine
 } Joseph jeans
 survivors of ways } Jonathan Smith
 } Ebenezer Higgins
 } David Brown Jr
 pens men } Samuel Higgins Jr
 } William Smith
 } Ebenezer Eldridge
 survivors of } Salomonas Snow
 60 and 80 shingls }
 leather sealers } David young
 } Joseph Smith
 } Solomon Lewis
 Dear refs. } William Walker
 } Ebenezer Freeman
 hog reaps } Benjamin Hamilton
 } George Brown
 } Samuel Snow
 } Benjamin Cole
 ground keepers } Richard Paine
 } Jeremiah Mayo
 to put the law }
 in execution } Simon Smith
 relating to }
 get beach
 to put the law in }
 execution relating } John Peane
 respect beach }

noted that the way should
 be stop by gates from
 prison Coling to the end
 of the lane where
 Mr John Wetherell
 formerly lived
 noted that Deacon
 John Freeman and
 Jonathan Peane should
 be the men to make
 up a court with
 Deacon Samuel Freeman
 Soren treasure

Recorded for Thomas Knowles John Clark
 at a town meeting lawfully warned and held ^{at the meeting house} in Eastham on ^{the} 11th of March at three of the clock in the after noon there
 was notes in so evening to choose a representative in the room
 of Samuel Knowles Esqr Jesseast Nathaniel Freeman chosen
 moderator for so meeting then the moderator called a vote whether
 they would choose a representative or not and passed in the
 affirmative then made choice of Deacon John Freeman to
 represent the town in the grate and General Court in the room
 of Samuel Knowles Esqr Jesseast
 Recorded for Thomas Knowles John Clark

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 14 day
of May 1751 ^{at 3 of the clock in the afternoon} there was votes in so warning to chuse
a representative to serve in the grate and general Court =
they then maid choice of Deacon John Freeman to
represent the town in the grate and general Court
for the insuing year Recorded for Thomas Knowles scribe

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Wednesday the 12 day
of June 1751 at one of the clock in the afternoon there
was votes in so warning to chuse one grand jury man
to serve in the room of Ebenezer Ellwood and also 4 petty
jury men to serve at the next inferiour Court at Barnstable
Mr Nathaniel Freeman chosen moderator for so meeting
then maid choice of Isaac Higgins Jr for grand jury
man for the ~~present~~ ^{present} year and for petty jury men to serve
at the next inferiour Court to be holden at Barnstable
John Mayo Solomon Doane Gabe Crocker and Jonathan
Linnet Recorded for Thomas Knowles scribe

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Wednesday the 12 day
of June 1751 at 2 of the clock in the afternoon there was
votes in so warning to chuse a town treasure in the
room and stead of Deacon Samuel Freeman Discease
Mr Nathaniel Freeman chosen moderator for so meeting
then maid choice of Samuel Doane Jr for town treasure
for this present year then voted that Jonathan Mayo Jr
rate should be abated for this present year by reason
of his misfortune at sea

Recorded for Thomas Knowles scribe

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Thursday the 27 of
June 1751 there was votes in so warning to chuse 3 grand
jury men and four petty jury men for the next inferiour
Court to be holden at Barnstable Deacon John Freeman
chosen moderator for so meeting then maid choice for
grand jury men Joseph Smith Gorbun Higgins Jr and Joseph
Knowles and petty jury men Jonathan Smith Solomon Pepper William
Merrill and Joseph Mayo Recorded for Thomas Knowles scribe

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 12th day of
August¹⁷⁵¹ at 7 of the clock in the afternoon there was notes
in the morning agreed in what sum of money to raise
to defray the necessary charges of the town for the ensu-
ing year and also to consider what to allow the last years
constable for gathering the taxes and likewise to consider
whether the town will vote that there shall be a way
established running from the way that leads from pines
colony to the wide sarak Dones town to the west shore
across the southerly end of the tear of lots that lays
northerly and southerly and where they goyn to those that
lay easterly and westerly where two of the community who
are still alive assent they determined and left orders
for an open Cart way Deacon John Freeman chosen mod-
erator for so meeting then voted to raise one hundred
and five pounds lawfull money one half to be paid in
by the last of December next and the other half by the
last of April next then voted the several constables
should have three pence on the pound for collecting the
town rate the last year if so constables pay in and make
up with the town treasure on or before the last of December
next voted that the County rate should be drawn
out of the town treasure for this year then there was
a vote called whether the town would ^{allow} ~~the~~ the
way be fore mentioned or not and it and it passed
in the negative Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Tuesday the 13th day of
August at 7 of the clock in the afternoon there
was notes in the morning to close a fully gathered town
at the next meeting at 7 of the clock on the 14th day of
August instant for a town vote on the 14th day of
August for a town vote on the 14th day of
August for a town vote on the 14th day of

25 Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

to keep the law in } Simon Smith
for livinget beach }

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to keep the meeting } Gasey & may
near beach }

at the a fore & meeting maid Chops of our Nathaniel Freeman
agent to petition to keep the courts then maid Chops of Nathaniel
freeman and Jonathan Pease to make up a court with Samuel Doane
as one treasure then created for County ~~treasure~~ treasure
then created that James Etters. people rates should be a paid
in Creek hearings rate bills then this meeting adjourned for
two weeks for the select men to bring in there report of the
road laid out by them I own to the great mead harbor then the
a here to away Dismiss. Recorded for Thomas Knowles & John Clark

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the ^{at 2 o'clock} middle meeting
house in Eastham on Monday the 23rd Day of May 1752 there
was notes in a warning to do what may be proper in water in a man
to serve Constable in the room of Gasey & Sparrow and also to choose
a notary for the middle parts of the town if need be.

Mr Samuel Horton Chosen moderator for a meeting then
created in Mr James Higgins Constable in the room of Gasey
& Sparrow then this meeting adjourned till Tuesday the 14th of April next
at 2 of the clock in the afternoon and at time and place but
a few persons met and Dismiss this meeting

Recorded for Thomas Knowles & John Clark

a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house
in Eastham on Monday the 18th of May 1752 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon
there was notes in a warning to Chuse 6: good and lawfull men 3 to serve
on the grand jury and three on the petty jury at the next Superior Court
on the third Tuesday in July next Capt Gaker snow Chosen moderator
for a meeting then chose for grand jury men Deacon John Freeman
Capt Gaker snow and Theophilus prime and for petty jury men —
Mr Nathaniel Freeman & Israel Mayo and Goshua meet

Recorded for Thomas Knowles & John Clark

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting
house in Eastham on Monday the 18th Day of May 1752 at twelve a clock
there was notes in a warning to Chuse 4: petty jury men to serve at
the next inferior Court at Barnstable on the last Tuesday in June and
one grand jury men to serve the remainder of the year Gaker snow
moderator for a meeting then there was drawn out of the box for
petty jury men Goshua & Isaac Goshua & Isaac Joseph & others
and Henry young Chosen for grand jury men Samuel Smith &

Recorded for Thomas Knowles & John Clark

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 18: of May 1752
at one of the Clock in the after noon there was votes in so
morning to Choose a man or men to represent the town in
a grate and general Court or assembly appointed to be held for
his majestys service at the Court house in Concord upon Wednesday
the 27: of May instant and to Do what is proper in answering a peti-
on put in to the Court by William Walker and James Colings and to
Choose a nether Constable in the room of Joseph Spryner that
was chosen last March and to Do what may be proper a Court sett-
ing the bounds between the town of Eastham and the town of
Hammich Capt. Gabe Snow chosen moderator for Doceenting
there was then chosen for representative Deacon John Freeman
then chose Jonathan Deane to answer the petition of William
Walker and James Colings then voted that the wood hope poles
pole should be abated and hatchet mickersons pole should be a gate
in Edward Knowles vote bill Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

May 11: 1752 then we the subscribers met and Renewed the bounds
and marks between Eastham and Hammich with which bounds as folloeth
viz beginning at the mouth of gride mansen set harbor and so up the
main creek to a swamp wood Tree and a stone set by it and from there
southeasterly over to a stone that sets in a spring that runs into
salt water pond a little to the west of Samuel Crys Dwelling house
and from there as the Carvel runs out into the sea at potmanuac
harbor

James Higgins

Eleazar Higgins

Gabe Snow

John Snow

} select men of
Eastham

} select men of
Hammich

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Tuesday 11: of August
1752 at 12 of the Clock in the day there was votes in so
morning to raise a sum of munny to support the poor of so town
and to support the town schoolmaster and all other necessary
town charges and also to Do what may be that proper
with respect to Choosing a nether Constable in the room
of Mr. James Higgins that was excepted by the town in
the room of Joseph Spryner now deceased and also to
Do what may be proper in Choosing a Constable in the room

of Edward Knowles where as Joseph Pepper being chosen at the
annual meeting in March last refused to take the Constables with
Mr Nathaniel Freeman moderator for so meeting then voted to
raise one hundred pounds to defray town charges then called
a vote whether they would choose a Constable in the room
of James Higgins or not and it passed in the negative then called
for a vote whether they would choose a Constable in the room
of Joseph Pepper who was chosen in March last and it passed in
the affirmative then made choice of John Doane Constable for
the middle part of the town then there was a complaint
~~sent in~~ in town meeting sent by Det Jonathan Cerepids
relating to the bounds between the town of Eastham and Bourne
then chose Thomas Knowles to search the records and inform
the members of the range between the 2^d towns

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Jason Clark

and at the a town meeting August 11: 1752 the following a
Committee was brought in to report meeting and read and voted
were the subscribers being chosen and appointed by the order
of Eastham to audit accounts with Mr Samuel Doane Jr
Down Treasurer for the year have examined ^{the} accounts and
found them well wrought and wright cast and there is in the
Treasurers hands thirtean pounds two shillings and 6: and
there is out standing in the several Constables hands
^{Nathaniel Freeman 21 71 = 14 = 2 = 2}
^{Jonathan Doane}

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Jason Clark

at a town meeting in Eastham lawfully warned and held
at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 2^d of October
1752 there was votes in so warning to choose 2 good and lawfull
men to serve on the petty jury at the next Inferior Court to be
holden at Barnstable on the 3^d Tuesday of October instant
there was then drawn out of the box for petty jury men
James Freeman and Richard Cooke Jr

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Jason Clark

at a town meeting in Eastham lawfully warned and held at the usual meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 12 of March 1753 at nine of the clock in the fore noon there was votes in so warning to choose a Town Clerk and other town officers as the Law Directs and to Do what may be that proper in raising money for the widow Sarah Sparrow to pay James Higgers for serving Constable in her deceased husbands rubble room and also to Do what is proper in ~~what is proper~~ raising a bounty for the former Constables for governing the town right also to Do what is proper in lengthening out the time and a having the bounty for the Constables now present for gathering the town rate and to choose a man to supply the place of Deacon Samuel Freeman deceased in drawing out money out of the towns treasure to ministers land in the law of the land that was taken of the ministers lot and to Do what is thought proper in answering Mr Joseph Smith chosen moderator in these petition there was then chosen for reason officers

Town Clerk	Thomas Howles	summers of	solomon paper
for select men	James Higgers Ebenzer Higgers Zephaniah Smith	boards and singels	
Town treasure	Edward Howles	hether celine	Joshiah Sears
Town assessors	Theophilus Higgers Jonathan Doane Gideon Young	Deer peck	William Walker
Samuel Batty Chosen Constable and then the two at rescued and then more Chosen for Constables	Benjamin Higgers Jr Salomonas Snow Barnabas Fanning	hog reeps	Jonathan Mayo Jonathan Cole George Ward
aiding men	Gideon Cole William Nimick Jr Elisha Holbrooks	pound keepers	Richard Paine Joseph Otters
summers of	Joseph Smith Jr Simmon Doane Ezekiel Howling	to keep the law relating to Bilms jet Beach	Simmon Smith
to keep the law relating to	James Howles Nathaniel Otwood Ephrem Cuel	to keep the law relating to Joseph's most Beach	Joseph Mayo
neg time men		neg time men	Richard Sparrow Gordon Freeman James Howles Galen Snow Nathaniel Freeman

at the a fore D meeting would that Deacon John Freeman
and Jeremiah Poane should make up accounts with Samuel Poane
town treasure then voted that the said Jeremiah Poane
should Draw out of the town treasure twenty pounds of Taxes
then voted that Amos Knowles and Daniel Cole former
constables should Draw out of the town treasure three pence on
the pound for collecting the town naight when they were constables
then voted the present Constables three pence on the pound for
collecting the town ~~naight~~ naight so Constables paying in
and making up with the town treasure at or before the last of
December next then voted that Samuel Poane Jr should be the
man in the name of Deacon Samuel Freeman Deceased to Draw
out of the town treasure to purchase land in the line of
the land taken of the ministerial lot in the middle part of
the town then Chosen Deacon John Freeman agent to answer
the notman out peoples petition put in to the town
then chose to take care of the children on the Lords Day
at the southern part of the town Ebenezer Huggins Jr
and at the middle part of the town John Snow
then this meeting adjourned to the last monday of this
instant month at two of the clock in the after noon
Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Cler
at the a fore said adjournment on the last monday of this
instant month no more appeared to sd meeting
Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Cler

at a town meeting in Doughton Lawfully warned and
held at the middle meeting house in Doughton on monday the
twelfth of march 1753 at twelve of the clock in sd Day there
was notes in sd morning to Chose 2 grand jury men ^{to serve for the year} and 2 petty
jury men to serve at the next inferior court at Barnstable
Mr Joseph Smith Chosen moderator for sd meeting
There was Chosen for grand jury men Samuel Batty
and Eleazar Ottwood and for petty jury men there
was Drawn out of the box Benjamin Cole and David Snow
Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Cler

At a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 14 Day
of May 1753 at one of the Clock in the afternoon there
was notes in so warning to Choose one or more ~~to serve~~
~~the town~~ a persons freeholders and Deacons in a town
Court
to serve for and Represent them in a great and general
or assembly appointed to be held for his majestys service
at the Court house in Boston on Wednesday the 30 Day of May
instant and also to consider and do what is proper to prevent
the Distruction of our western shore and to Do what
is proper in Changing a piece of Land out to the Indians
with John pain and also to act further with the poten-
unacted people if there be occasion for it Mr Nathaniel
freeman moderator for a meeting

then voted and made Choyse for a representative Deacon
John freeman also voted if so freeman should
stay at home to save the town Charge and should be kind at
the Court the town voted to be helpful to him also voted
that if men will appear to stop up the lanes that leads
to the western shore upon there one Court and Change them so
were may by a great of the town also voted that John
pain and the Indians might Change Land and as for the
potenunacted people it was Dis Court on and Dis mist
Recorded for Thomas Generules town Clor

At a town meeting warned and held at the south meeting
house in Eastham on Monday the 18 of June 1753 at one of
the Clock in the afternoon there was notes in so warning
to Choose a petty jury men to serve at the next general
Court at Barnstable and also by order of the select men
to Do what is proper in giving the select men summist-
ructions concerning Drawing money out of the treasure for
sum of the poor of so town Mr Samuel Doane moderator
for a meeting it was then Dis Court upon and voted that
the select men should not Draw any money out of the
treasure for the support of Richard Cooke Thomas Macomb
and wife till further orders from the town then this meeting
adjourned till Wednesday next at 3 of the Clock in the afternoon
at the a house & place
at Time and place the town met and there was Drawn out
of the box for petty jury men Elisha Rogers Samuel Higgins
Ezekel Harding and David Brown Recorded for Thomas Generules town Clor

at a town meeting warned and held at the south meeting house
in Eastham on Monday the 18: of June 1753 at 2 of the clock in
the afternoon there was notes in so warning to choose 3 grand
jury men and 3 petty jury men to serve at the superior Court to
be holden at Barnstable on the 4 Tuesday of July next
Mr Nathaniel Freeman Moderator for the meeting
then chose for grand jury men Elisha Lincol Joshua Knowles
and Capt Gabe Snow then this meeting adjourned to Tuesday
July next at 4 of the clock in the afternoon to this place
at time and place the town met and made choice for petty
jury men Deacon Jonathan Higgins Jr. Left Edmund Freeman
and Richard Sparrow Recorder for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting
house in Eastham on Monday the 12: of August 1753 at twelve of the
clock in the Day there was notes in so warning to raise a sum of money
to defray the charge of the town for the ensuing year and also to do
what may be proper respecting sum of the poor of the town who are
under difficult circumstances by reason of the pretended order that
the treasure hath not to be disbursed any manner out of the treasure
for there support and also to do what else shall be thought proper
on said Day Capt Loath Smith Moderator for the meeting
then voted to raise one hundred pounds to defray the town charges
then voted to take of Samuel Higgins town and parson's vote in
favor Doane; Bills then voted 25: pounds old tender for the
support of Thomas McCumb and wife which was due before the
Tenth of June last then voted ^{after the vote of} fifty pounds old tender ^{one} year
for the support of the McCumb and to begin from the tenth of June
last the a-bow a most ~~part~~ of fifty pounds was for one year
at the a-bow a meeting the ^{following} paper was read in town meeting
and accepted with the subscribers being appointed by the town of Eastham
to audit the accounts with Samuel Doane town treasure for the
year past thus accordingly this is Day of March 1753 Examined
accounts and find them well receipted and right cast and we find
in the Treasures hands fifteen pounds twelve shillings and one
penny and there is out standing in the several Constables hands
ninety nine pounds two shillings and 7 pence John Freeman
Jonathan Doane

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

July 10: 1755 whereupon we the subscribers select men
of the town of Eastham and therefore have this Day Renewed
line between the town of Eastham and Wrentham as the Law
Directs Ebenezer Higgins select men James Lumbard select men
Loath Smith of Eastham John Rich John Sparrow

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 15th of October 1753
there was notes in so warning to Chuse 2: men to serve on the
petty jury at the next general Court to be holden at Barnstable.
there was then drawn out of the Box for petty jury men —
Israel Atwood and James Rogers.

Recorded for Thomas Hercules Town Clay

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on the 31st day of October 1753 at 3 of the
clock in the after noon there was notes in so warning to do what
may be proper a bout settling the bounds between the town of
hamwich and the town of Eastham and also to do what may be
proper a bout Mr. Paine Brown keeping Richard Cook
John Freeman Esqr chosen moderator for so meeting
then voted to Chuse a Committee to ~~set~~ ^{settle} his Court with the select
men of hamwich to see if they would comply to settle the bounds
between the town of Eastham and the town of hamwich then voted
and named Chose of Mr James Liggers Mr Joseph Smith and
Mr Elisha Freeman and so Committee to make there Report
at the adjournment of this meeting and for David Browns
keeping Richard Cook was Discourt on and viznest to a fuller
meeting then this meeting adjourn to the 2nd Wednesday in December
next at one of the clock in the after noon — — — — —

at the a Bize & adjournment the town went at time and place
and the moderator being not present the town named Chose of
Mr Joseph Smith moderator then the moderator called a route
nearth the town would Chouse an agent to goyn with the poor
numacat people in there petition and it pass in the after noon
then voted and named Chose of Samuel Smith Esqr to goyn
with the a bout so poor numacat people in there petition
and to draw so petition and to be lade before the town before
sent to the general Court

and as for Mr David Browns keeping Richard Cooke as one
of the people of the town there was a vote call ^{at the time} and it pass
in the negative.

Recorded for Thomas Hercules Town Clay

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 17th of December 1753
at 12 of the clock on so day there was notes in so warning to do what
may be thought proper Respecting shon as weenunk and wife
who are under difficult surcomstances by reason that the town
refuses to relieve them and the children are not able or at
least do not support them so that unless somewhat be done
concerning them they must perish Samuel Smith Esqr
moderator for so meeting then it was Discourt upon and
voted by so town by reason that the a bout so children do

Do not support the a fore d income and wife that the select
 men shall draw out of the town treasure a sufficiency for
 the support of the a fore d income and wife with the fifty
 pounds old tenor that was voted them in August last past
 untill the honorable court shall determine whether the town
 or children shall support them or what part the town and what
 part the children shall support
 then voted and made Chays of Mr Joseph Smith an agent for
 to town to draw a petition for the a fore d income to sign
 and lay before the court that his children and the town
 to not support them and if so income refuses to sign a petition
 then said Smith in behalf of the town draw a petition and lay
 before the next court that the a fore d children refuse
 to support their parents

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
 meeting house in Eastham on wednesday the 17th of December 1753
 there was votes in a warning to Chuse 2 good and lawful men
 to serve on the petty jury at the next inferior court at Barnstable
 there was then drawn out of the box for petty jury men Jacob
 Cole and James Otis

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the mid-
 dle meeting house in Eastham on wednesday the 11th of March 1754
 at teen of the clock on so day there was votes in a warning
 to Chuse a Town Clerk and select men and other Town offi-
 cers as the Law directs and also to act further a bout settle-
 ing the colonies between the town of Barnwich and the town of
 Eastham and also to Chuse an agent to defend the town
 against the petition of Thomas income if there be need there
 of and also to do what is proper Relating to the maintenance
 of Richard Cook for the time past
 Mr Nathaniel Freeman Jr moderator for a meeting
 there was then Chosen for seven assessors firstly for
 Town Clerk Thomas Knowles

Select men { James Higgins
 Samuel Doane Jr
 Zeath Smith

Constables { Joseph Smith
 John Rich { Joseph paper
 Joseph Cole Jr

Town Treasure { Edward Knowles

Aiding men { Moses Smith
 Nathaniel Balch
 Cornelius Smith

Town assessors { Theophilus Higgins
 Jonathan Doane
 Ephraim Cook

Surveyors of ways { Joshua Knowles
 Goreniah Maye
 Goreniah Smith

Penitentiary	Jonathan Smith James Freeman Joseph Etchens
Surgons of parish and shingels	Solomon pepper Edward Knowles
Letter seler	Godias Sears
Deer keep	William Walker
High keep	Jonathan Mage Jonathan Cole Benjamin Hamblen
private keepers	Richard Grieve Joseph Etchens
negotior men	Jonathan Higgins Jr Joseph Smith Elisha House Jr Solomon pepper Solomon House
To keep the law relating to blinget	Samuel Smith
To keep the law relating to noiset	Joseph Mage
Beach	

Other main Chops of John
freeman Esq or an agent to sign
with the post nemiacet people
one the former agent in settling
the border between the town of
Barnstable and the town of Eastham
then voted and main Chops of
Mr Joseph Smith an agent to
answer the petition of Thomas
mason put in to the court last
seasons concerning his main-
tenance then voted that the
select men should draw the
money out of the treasure to
pay Edward Rogers for the
maintenance of Richard Cook
which they agreed with him
for then main Chops of Mr
Joseph Smith and Samuel
House Jr to make up accounts
with Edward Knowles given
Isaac pepper from being
constable and main Chops of

Joseph pepper in his name. amos Knowles chosen surmer
of ways and refused to take the oath relating other Colony man
of then main Chops of Mr James Freeman Esq should draw eighteen
then voted that John Freeman Esq should draw eighteen
shillings out of the town treasure to help defray the charge
of the post nemiacet people in there petition to the grand
court in going of to this town and as for the maintenance of
Richard Cook for the time past it was his court upon
and Isomist. Recorded for Thomas Knowles sworn clear

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 11 of March 1754
at 12 of the clock in the Day there was voted in so warning
to choose two grand Jurymen to serve for the present year
and two petty Jurymen to serve at the next in June court
at Barnstable Mr Richard Sparrow moderator for so meeting
there was then chosen for grand Jurymen Edward Higgins Jr
and Samuel Snow and there was drawn out of the box
for petty Jurymen Joseph Hamblen and Thomas
Higgins Jr Recorded for Thomas Knowles sworn clear

at the adjournment of the annual meeting of the town of 1754
to monday the 18: of march 1754 at 2 of the clock in the afternoon
the town met at time and place and the moderator being present
then called a vote to see whether they would Visma Sheofulas
paim from being constable and it passed in the affirmative
then made choice of Joseph Cole Jr Constable in his room
then voted to Dis mis hanks from being constable and
made choice of Elisha Joane Jr Constable in his room then this
meeting adjourned to wednes day the 20: of march 1754 at ten of
the clock in the forenoon

Recorded by Thomas Knowles Town Cler
at time and place the town met and Elisha Joane being chosen
present after and taken his oath in that ofes before the
Constable could not find him to take the oath of a Constable
the town made choice of Benken Rich for a Constable
in his room Recorded by Thomas Knowles Town Cler

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Southam on monday the first day
of april 1754 at two of the clock in the afternoon there
was votes in so warning to do what may be thought proper
concerning Richard Cooke his children refusing to
look after him and he throwing himself upon the town
for help and also for the town to give instructions to
the select men of so town about drawing money out
of the treasure John Freeman Esq moderator for so
meeting then voted to Resume the vote voted in
june 18: 1753 concerning not drawing any money out
of the treasure for the support of Richard Cooke and as for
the town to give instructions to the select men concerning
drawing money out of the treasure it was Disconst upon
and Dismissed Recorded by Thomas Knowles Town Cler

a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house in Southam on monday the 13: of may 1754
there was votes in so warning to choose 2 petty Jury
men to serve at the next inferior Court at Baysdale
there was there Drawn out of the box for petty
Jury men John pepper and Simon m. come

Recorded by Thomas Knowles Town Cler

a town meeting warned and held at the middle meeting house
in Eastham on monday the 13 of may 1754 there was notes in
a warning to chuse 3 grand jury men and 3 petty jury
men to serve at the next superior Court at Barnstable
Mr Nathaniel Freeman moderator for a meeting
there was then drawn out of the box for petty jury
men Shepulus Paine Cristian Kendrick and Joshua
Higgins jr and for grand jury men there was
Chosen Mr Joseph Smith Jonathan Deane and
Solomon Doane

Recorded for Shepulus Knowles Town Clerk

a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on monday the 13
of may 1754 there was notes in a warning to chuse
a Representative to serve at the general Court to
be kept and held at the Court house in Boston on the
twenty ninth of may instant Capt Gabel snow moderator
for a meeting there the selectmen called a vest to see whether
the town would chuse a representative and at first in the
negative then voted the selectmen should draw a petition
to send to the general Court to get relief from sending a repre-
sentative voted to releas Jeremiah Smith jr Deceased vote
voted Mr Joseph Smith ten pounds old silver for services
done for the town in carrying a petition into the Court
a bout Thomas McComb and his children

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on monday 13 day of may 1754
there was notes in a warning to chuse 3 grand jury men
and 3 petty jury men to serve at the superior Court at
Barnstable on the 4 Tuesday of July next Mr Nathaniel
Freeman moderator for a meeting there was Chosen for
grand jury men Mr Joseph Smith Jonathan Deane
and Solomon Doane and for petty jury men Shepulus
Paine Cristian Kendrick and Joshua Higgins jr

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at the a fore ^{may 13: 1754} meeting the following a count was brought
into meeting and seen and voted to be put upon record
we the subscribers being appointed by the town of
Eastham, and at the a counts with Mr Dowd Knowles
town treasure for the year past from a accordingly
this 7 Day of April 1754 examined
a counts and find them well wrought and wright cost
and there is due to so treasure three shillings and
nine pence 2. pence and there is out standing in the
several Constables hands ninety pounds two shillings three
pence things

Samuel Doane Jr.
Joseph Smith

Recorded by Thomas Knowles town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on Tuesday 28 of May 1754 there
was notes in so warning to do shall be thought proper
in securing the western shore both lands and meadow
John Freeman Esqr moderator for a meeting then voted
that the vote that was past in May 14: 1753 concerning
~~stopping~~ stopping the ways that leads to the western
shore should be by gates or bars then voted to Chuse
a Community to see if they could procure a number of
men that will stop the lands that leads to the western
shore upon there one Const and Chary and the Community
to do there work upon there one Const and Chary then
voted and men Chays for the Community Capt Gabel snow
James Higgins Joseph Smith Jr. Joshua Knowles salverus
snow and Samuel Smith Esqr then this meeting was
advised to the first Monday in August at 2 of the
Clock in the afternoon to receive the Communitys report

Recorded by Thomas Knowles town Clerk
at the a fore time and place the town met and the
moderator being present the Communitys report was
92 that there was not a sufficient number that would
stop the lands that leads to the western shore upon
there one Const and Chary then the moderator called
a vote whether the town would Chuse an agent

to Dr. petition¹⁷⁵³ to send to the general Court for
an act to be made that the a fore sd laws might
be kept and it past in the negative

Recorded per Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at
the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the
5 of August 1754 ^{at 12 of clock} there was votes in so warning
to raise money to pay the town school and all other ne-
cessary charges arising in so town for the year ensuing
Mr Thomas Knowles moderator for so meeting
then voted to raise one hundred pounds to defray
the town charges for the ensuing year
the moderator then called a vote to see wheather the
town were willing the bill past in the grate and general
Court relating to the Excise should pass into a law
and it past in the negative

then voted the select men should draw money out
of the town treasure to buy the town stock of amendment
then voted the County rate should be drawn out of
the town treasure

Recorded per Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
south meeting house in Eastham on Wednesday the 4 day of
September 1754 there was votes in so warning to choose
two petty jury men to serve at the next inferior Court
at Barnstable there was then drawn out of the box for
petty jury men Gasham Cole and Samuel Harding

Recorded per Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting
house in Eastham on Monday the 2 day of December 1754 at 2 of the
clock in so day there was votes in so warning to choose an agent
or order the select men to answer the petition at next Court that
David Brown hath entered a gainst the town for there refusing
to pay him for keeping Mr Richard Cooke prisoner in the
year 1753 Mr Joseph Smith moderator for so meeting
the moderator then called a vote wheather the present select men
should be agents to answer the petition put into the Court by David
Brown or a spec with D Brown and it past in the negative then the moder-
ator called a vote and the town ye maid choice of the present select men
to answer the petition put into the Court by David Brown

Recorded per Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
 middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 9th of
 march 1755 at 9 of the clock in the fore noon there was
 notes read warning to Chase 2 grand jury men for this pres
 ent year and 2 petty jury men to serve at the next genl
 assizes Court at Barnstable on the 3 Tuesday of this instant
 month Mr Nathaniel Freeman moderator for said meeting
 there was then Chosen for grand jury men Moses Smith
 and Ezekiel Halbrooks and Drown out of the box for petty
 jury men Jonathan Sparrow and Benjamin Higgins of 3
 recorded for shames Hercules Town Clark

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the mid
 le meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 10. Day of march
 1755 at 10 of the clock in the fore noon there was notes re
 d warning to Chase a town Clark town treasure select men
 and Constables and all other town officers as the Law Dire
 ct and also to do what may be thought proper in stopping
 the ways that leads from the meeting house to Goshen hop
 kenses and the way by Gobe Crockers Down to Jonathan Smiths
 for a bout fifteen months from the last of april next
 they making and keeping convenient gates During so time
 Mr Nathaniel Freeman moderator for said meeting there was
 then Chosen for town officers as followeth

Town Clark	Thomas Hercules	Lotter sealer	Joseph Sears
Town treasure	Edward Hercules	Deer pot	Abner Rogers
select men	James Higgins Samuel Jones Jr Locath Smith	Rog vef	Jonathan Mayo Prims Colney Solomon Lices
Constables	James Rogers Nathaniel Oliver Gideon Oliver	poor	Richard Pearce
assessors	Shephard Higgins Jonathan Doole Ephraim Connel	keepers	Joseph Oliver
Jury men	Samuel Jones Jonathan Mayo Benjamin Hamblen	to keep the law relating to the land relating to the land relating to the land relating	
surveyors of ways	Jonathan Smith Lewis Smith Ebner Halbrooks	to keep the law relating to the land relating to the land relating	
93		negatives	
poor men	David Soro Sam Smith Jr Joseph Perce	men	
surveyors of boards and shingles	Salomon Pepper Edward Hercules		

then the town voted that
 the land from the south
 meeting house to Goshen
 hopkenses and the land
 that leads

From John Cooper to Jonathan Smith the night before
fifteen months from the last of April next pro-
vided that they that stop there will upon there some cost on
Charg keep good and convenient gates for people to pass
and keepas with carts or otherwise in d lanes as they shall
have occasion then voted and maid Choyz of John Freeman
an Esqr and James Higgers to search the Records of Land
to see if the middle part of the town is not none of
one minsterall lot then maid Choyz of Mr Joseph
Smith and Samuel Deane to make up accounts with
Edward Knowles of own treasure then this meeting
at noon untill Friday next at 3 of the Clock in the
after noon at time and place the own minsterall maid Choyz
of Mr Nathaniel Freeman negotius in the name of
Joseph Hamelton then Dismissed Robert Smith from being Constable
he and maid Choyz of James Ellwood in his room then voted and
maid Choyz of George Brown for being Constable and chose Nath-
aniel Ellwood in his room then this meeting at Friday till
Monday next at 3 of the Clock in the afternoon
at the a house so on Sunday nobody appeared at the meeting
Recorded for Thomas Knowles own Clav

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Thursday the 8 of
May 1754 there was votes in d warning to Chuse a good
and lawfull man to serve for petty Jurry were at the
next Inferior Court at Barnstable on the 2 Tuesday of May
there was then Treason out of the Box for petty Jurry
were Jonathan May Thomas Halbrooks Thomas Smith and
George Brown Recorded for Thomas Knowles own Clav

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the mid-
dle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 19 of May 1754
there was votes in d warning to Chuse a representative and
to Chuse a Community to settle the school in the middle part
of the town and in the other parts if they so comes
John Freeman Esqr moderator for d meeting then the
town maid Choyz of John Freeman Esqr for a represe-
ntative to represent them in the great and general Court
at Boston then the moderator called a vote to see if they
would Chuse a Community to settle the school in the middle
part of the town and at part in the aftermetime then the
town maid Choyz for a Community Jonathan Deane William
Walker Nathaniel Ellwood Nathaniel Freeman Jr William
Knowles William Myrick Thomas Higgers
Recorded for Thomas Knowles own Clav

at a town meeting lawfully warned and hold at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on monday the 19 of may 1755 there was
votes in so warning to Chuse 3 grand jury men and 3 petty jury
men to serve at the next superior Court at Barnstable
Mr Joseph Smith moderator for so meeting then made Choyse
for grand jury men samuel Higgins Esq Solomon Poore
and Israel Maye and for petty jury men John Poore
Joshua Genowles and Capt Gabel Snow

Recorded for Thomas Genowles Town Clerk

at the a-boue meeting may 19: 1755 the following a Court was
held and voted in town meeting to be put upon Record as followeth
were the subscribers being appointed by the town of Eastham to
audit a Courts with Mr Edward Genowles town treasure for the
year past since accordingly this twenty eight day of march 1755
examined the Compts and find them well receipt and right Cash
and there is in so treasures hands three pounds Eleven shillings
Eight pence two farthings and there out standing in the several
constables hands twenty six pounds thirteen shillings seven pence
and one farthing

Samuel Poore Jr
Joseph Smith

Recorded for Thomas Genowles Town Clerk

May 30: 1755 Then we the subscribers met and Revised the
Borders between the town of Eastham and the town of Har-
wood which are as followeth viz Beginning at a sawamp
wood tree at the head of maine creek with a stone set
in the ground by it thence northerly by a Crick to the
Grick runs into the sea and from so sawamp wood tree
south easterly over to salt water pond to a stone by
a spring a little to the westward of Samuel Crys
 dwelling house and there as the Canal runs out of
Potomacat harbor in to the sea

Joanes Higgins Esq
Samuel Poore Jr
Gabel Snow

William Freeman appoin-
ted by the select men

Recorded for Thomas Genowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 18 of August 1755 ^{at 2 of the clock in the Day} there was notes in the morning to raise money to defray the charges a rising in the town the year insuing and also to do what is proper in allowing the several Constables there Bountie for Collecting the town rates for the year past Mr Joseph Smith moderator for the meeting then voted to raise minty pounds on the poles and Estates of the notable inhabitants of the town of Eastham one half to be paid in by the last of December next and the other half by the last of April next then voted the several Constables three pence on the pound for Collecting the town rate if the Constables pay in and make up with the town treasure on or before the last of December next then voted Joseph Cole for three shillings and four pence for services done for the town Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 8 of September 1755 at three of the clock in the afternoon there was notes in the morning to choose 2 petty jury men to serve at the next general Court at Barnstable and at the meeting there was drawn out of the box for petty jury men Barnabas Young and Daniel Mayo

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 24 of November 1755 there was notes in the morning to choose 2 petty jury men to serve at the next inferior Court at Barnstable Mr Samuel Doane Jr moderator for the meeting and by reason that there was but one selectman at the meeting it was adjourned till Wednesday the 26 of November at three and place the town meet and there was drawn out of the box for jury men John Talor and Joseph Smith Jr

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 8 Day of March 1756 there was notes in the morning to choose 2 grand jury men and 2 petty jury men to serve at the next inferior Court at Barnstable Mr Joseph Smith moderator for the meeting then made call of grand jury men Moses Smith and Samuel Snow and for petty jury men Sheaphalus Higgins and Caleb Orisk

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 8 of March 1756 at ten of the clock on the Day there was notes in the morning to choose a town Clerk and town treasure and

select men and constables and all other men of age
 John Freeman Esqr moderator for a meeting
 then made choice for town clerk Thomas Knowles and town treasure
 Edward Knowles

select men { James Higgins
 Samuel Doane Jr
 Loath Smith

pen saviors { Jonathan Smith
 Cristan Hemick
 John Young

constables { Ebenezer Higgins Jr
 Samuel Smith Jr
 Thomas Hall

surveyors of { Isaac Cole
 bonds and shingles { Edward Knowles

lottery silvers { Josiah Sears
 Lewis Smith

town assessors { Theophilus Higgins
 Jonathan Doane
 Ephraim Coel

dear refs { Ebenezer Freeman

hog refs { Cornelias Harding
 Joshua Cole
 George Brown
 William Myrick

riding men { Isaac Hopkins
 Nathaniel Emerson
 Thomas Higgins Jr

ground keepers { Jeremiah Smith
 Joseph Otteris

surveyors of ways { Jonathan Lind
 Joshua Knowles
 Daniel Elting

seagutline men { Jonathan Higgins Jr
 Richard Sparrow
 John Freeman Esqr
 Gabriel Snow
 Thomas Knowles

to keep the latang { Simon Smith
 latins get beach

to keep the lan for noiset beach { Joseph Mayo

then the town made choice of Gabriel Snow and Samuel Doane Jr
 to make up a county with Edward Knowles town treasure there
 the town voted to a rate for Joshua Higgins rate in Jeremiah Coles
 rate bill and Samuel Doane Jr rate in Quares Rogers is bills
 who is now in his minority carries then this meeting adjourned
 tomorrow next at 2 of the clock in the afternoon at three and place
 the town met and the moderator being present and the clerk absent
 the town made choice of Mr Samuel Doane Jr for a meeting and
 first being sworn to do office then the town released Joshua Higgins Jr
 from being constable and made choice of Isaac Snow for constable
 for the southerly part of the town then this meeting adjourned to
 monday the thirty first of march instant at 3 of the clock in the
 afternoon at the middle meeting house in Eastham
 at time and place this the town met and voted to dismiss George Snow
 from being constable and made choice of Ebenezer Elting constable in place
 then voted to dismiss Ezekiel Holbrook from being constable
 and made choice by vote in his room of Thomas Hall then this
 meeting adjourned to monday the twelfth of April next at 3 of
 the clock in the afternoon at the middle meeting house in Eastham
 at time and place nobody appeared for the several constables
 but took their oaths before

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting
house in Eastham on Monday the 24th day of October 1756 at 2 o'clock
of the clock in the afternoon there was notes in & warning to
have 2 petty jury men to serve at the next inferior Court
at Barnstable there was then drawn out of the box for petty jury
men William Topping and Goshua Ellwood
Recorded for Thomas Howles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting
house in Eastham on Monday the 17th of May 1756 at one of the clock in
the afternoon there was notes in & warning to choose 6 men 3 to serve
on the grand jury and 3 on the petty jury at the next superior
Court at Barnstable John Freeman Esqr moderator for a meeting
there was then chosen for grand jury men Goshua Howles Elder
freeman and Solomon Doane and petty jury men Samuel Doane Jr
Otha Mayo and Jonathan Doane
Recorded for Thomas Howles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting
house in Eastham on Monday the 17th of May 1756 at 2 o'clock in
the afternoon there was notes in & warning to choose a representa-
tive and also to do what may be thought proper in raising money
from John Harding's house up to the highway at the head of rock harbor
and also to do what may be proper to raise money to hire men for
a town to defend them in the war for the time to come John Freeman
Esqr moderator for a meeting

then the town and chose by a vote for a representative
Capt Solomon Pepper that the moderator put to vote whether the town
would act in raising money to hire soldiers for the present not and
passed in the negative then they voted the way laid out from
John Harding's to the head of rock harbor by the select men and is
Recorded in the book of records of taxes in page 121

then accd to give James Ellwood his rate or Joseph Peppers
and Nathaniel Ellwood's rate bills then the Roullog account
was read and voted to be put upon record
Eastham March 31: 1756 the subscribers being appointed by
the town of Eastham and the accounts with J. Howles Town
treasurer for the year past have examined accordingly
this thirty first day of March 1756 Examined as a committee and
find them right cast and there is in it treasures hands 2 eleven
pounds twelve shillings and five pence 2 pence and there is
out standing in the severl Constables hands namely too pounds
Eighteen shillings and 9 pence 3 pence

Samuel Doane Jr
Gabel Doane

Recorded for Thomas Howles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 12. Day
of July 1756 at 12: of the Clock in so Day there was votes in so
warning to do what may be thought proper in sending an answer
to the petition of Samuel Smith Esqr Concerning bilinegat
Beach and Islands at the grate and general Court at
Boston W^r Timothy Coke Chosen moderator for
the meeting then the s^r was reported that the a-bous
to Samuel Smith Esqr, should keep 12: neat cattle on
the a-bous to beach and islands from the first of Aprill to the
first of June and 18: neat cattle from the first of June to the
twentyeth of november provided the town may have liberty at
there annual meeting in march to Chuse a man or men to have
inspection over so islands and beach and as or Deminish the
number of cattle as they shall think fit so as the security of
said islands and beach may still be increasing
Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 16. Day of August 1756
at 2 of the Clock in the after noon there was votes in so warning to
raise money to pay the necessary charges a rising in so town for the
year incring and also for the town to consider and do what may
be thought proper in borrowing money out of the town treasure to
procure men to defend us in the war for the future and also to do
what may be thought proper in allowing the several Constables for gather-
ing the town rate the year past John Freeman Esqr moderator for
the meeting then the s^r was manifested by a writ to raise
a bigger sum of money then they usually use to raise to lay
as a stake in the treasure untill the s^r was paid to some use
the town voted to raise one hundred and nanty five pounds one
half to be paid in by the last of Desember next the other
half by the last of April next then voted the several Const-
ables to go on the pound for collecting the s^r and to
so Constables pay in and make up with the s^r treasure
out or before the last of Desember next
Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

Eastham July 29: 1756 memorandum we the subscribers select
men of the town of Eastham having notified the select men of
the town of Truro to meet us as the law directs in order to pre-
sents the line between the town of Eastham and the town of Truro
and we have met at times and place which are here appointed
to select men to meet us yet notwithstanding to select men
of the town of Truro did not meet us in order to present
to line us the law directs

Tohethsmith } select
samuel Deane } men

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the usual
meeting house in Eastham on Tuesday the 7 Day of September 1756
at 3: of the Clock in the after noon there was votes in
morning to choose 2 good and lawfull men to serve at the
next inferiour Court at Barnstable. Mr Nathaniel Atwood
Chosen moderator for said meeting and there being but one
of the select men present at said meeting the moderator called
a vote and adjourned said meeting to Monday next at three of
the Clock in the after noon at which time the town met and there was
drawn out of the box for petty jury men Stephen Snow Jr
and Joshua Cole Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the usual meeting
house in Eastham on Monday the 11th Day of November 1756 at 2 of
the Clock in the after noon there was votes in morning to choose
two petty jury men to serve at the next inferiour Court at Barnstable
on the first Tuesday of December next Edward Knowles moderator
for said meeting and there was but one select man present at
meeting then the moderator called a vote and adjourned said meeting to
Monday the 29 Day of this present November at 2 of the Clock in
the after noon at three and place the town met and there was
drawn out of the box for petty jury men Isaac Harrington and
Thomas Brown Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the usual
meeting house in Eastham on Tuesday the 1 Day of March 1757
at three of the Clock on said Day there was votes in morning
to choose a town clerk town treasurer select men and
constables and all other town officers as the law directs
for the year ensuing and also for the town select the
petty jury according to the last act
maior Tohethsmith moderator for said meeting

then

at a town meeting lawfully held at the middle meeting house
in Eastham on Monday the 17th of March 1757 at 3 of the clock
there were votes in & warning to choose two petty
Gury men and 2 grand Gury men for the ensuing year
John Freeman Esqr. moderator for a meeting there
maide choice for grand Gury men Joseph Cole Sr and
Elihu Wood then maide choice of Nathaniel Gould and
Jonathan Gould as a committee to enquire into the peoples
complaints and make report to the next meeting
The next meeting at sundown to Tuesday 8 day of this month
March at 3 of the clock in the afternoon at ten and place the
town met and there was chosen out of the box for petty Gury men
Samuel Higgins Jr and James Cohoon then Nathaniel Gould and
Jonathan Gould brought in there report as followeth that the
poor innocent people should pay of the charge of that they
are at in being set of to this town seven pounds fifteen shillings
to this towns paying twenty pounds and so proportionably
Relieved for Thomas Hapwells town clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on Tuesday 8 day of March 1757 at one of
the clock in the afternoon there was votes in & warning to con-
sider and to what may be thought proper respecting giving
giving instructions to the select men to raise money out of
the town treasure as a bounty for the soldiers who are to be
raised out of the town for the present action Jonathan Gould
moderator for a meeting
Then the moderator called a vote whether the town would
raise any money and it passed in the affirmative then
then the town would the select men should raise out of
the town treasure four hundred and twenty pounds of taxes
for the soldiers that are to be raised for the present action
The moderator asked George the value of three doles in corn at
Mr Joshua Higgins Jr will for feeding all morey Nelson or his
sackins then voted John Ralph six shillings and eight pence
for making Coffin and funeral of martyrs
Recorded for Thomas Hapwells town clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 24 of
April 1757 there was votes in & warning to choose
six good and lawful men three to serve on the grand
Gury and three on the petty Gury Mr Loath Smith
moderator for said meeting there

there was then chosen for grand Jury men Thomas Knowles Joshua Knowles and William Myrick and for petty Jury men William Walker Jeremiah Mayo and James Rogers
Recorded per Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 25th of April 1757 at three of the Clock in the afternoon there was votes in the morning to Chuse two petty Jury men to serve at the next Inferior Court at Barnstable there was then chosen out of the Box for petty Jury men Samuel Mayo and David Snow
Recorded per Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 9th Day of May 1757. there was votes in the morning to Chuse a representative and all so to do what shall be thought proper in Chusing an agent to answer David Browns petition put into the last Inferior Court. John Freeman Esqr. moderator for the meeting then the town voted by vote for a representative to Chuse Josiah Doane and Salverus Snow an agent to answer David Browns petition ^{to Chuse Samuel very well}
Recorded per Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 23rd Day of May 1757, there was votes in the morning to do what shall be thought proper with respect to the regulating the town school either by keeping more schools in the town or what ever other method the town shall think best to be run touching the premises and also to Chuse a person to take care of grates & saws pursuant to the late act and all so to what shall be thought proper in allowing Samuel Smith Esqr to put on his grates saws houses in the room of neat cattle and small cattle equivalent to large ones and also to what shall be thought proper in fencing the western shore of Eleazar Freeman moderator for a meeting then the town voted to keep two schools in the following manner a Committee to be Chosen out of each part of the town containing twelve men that Committee to divide the town into two equal parts by fanning according to the best of their skill the one school to be kept in the southerly part of the town and the other in the northerly part of the town so dividing line to run easterly and westerly and the said Committee men which shall be Chosen to the southerly of the dividing line shall and are impowred to settle the school in the southerly part of the town in such places and for so long a time at each place as in their Judgment shall be thought most equal and that

part of the Community that shall be chosen in the northerly half to be empowered to state the scale in such places and for so long a time in each place as they shall thing meet equal six of the Community to be chosen out of the north half and six out of the south half of the town according to Dr. Division and these places so appointed to be the stated places for both scales for three years from the time the scales commence so Community to make new charge for Dr. Service and to make returns of those things as soon as may conveniently be to the town then chose for the a bout Dr. Community namely Deacon Jonathan Higgins Jonathan Linel Richard Sparrow Elsa mayo Joseph Srevitt Jr. Goshua Knowles Solomon Doane Joseph pepper Eleazar Otwood Joseph Atkins major Lobeth Smith Samuel Smithy's the a bout Dr. Community to settle and state the scale in both parts of the town for three years if Dr. Community can all agree

then chose by vote simion Smith to take care of the ^{the} scale Island according to the late act then made Choy by vote Ephrem Couel and Jonathan young to have inspection over Dr. Island and equal the horses and young cattle Equivalent to long ones with samuell Smithy's then this meeting adjourned to Monday the 6. day of June next at one of the clock in the after noone to receive the a bout Dr. Community's Reports relating to the scale

at time and place the town met and the moderator being not present chose Deacon Elisha Doane moderator for Dr. meeting then the Community brings in there report which is as followeth
 Eastham may 30: 1757 we the subscribers being appointed as a Community to divide the town into two equal parts according to families and having taken an exact list of the families in Dr. town have unanimously come to this Determination respecting Dr. Division that the Dividing line shall begin Between Samuel Doanes and Solomon Doanes running Easterly to the Back side sea and from where Dr. line began running westerly leaving Gabel snows Jr. to the southward and Breger Higgins to the northward still proceeding peppers to the northward still westerly leaving the wife Doanes to the northward and william myricks to the southward still westerly into the west sea all the a bout Dr. water by the town to be put upon record and is accordingly recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

Lobeth Smith
 Richard Sparrow
 Goshua Knowles
 Joseph Srevitt Jr.
 Solomon Doane
 Joseph Atkins
 Jonathan Linel
 Jonathan Higgins Jr.
 Elsa mayo
 Joseph pepper
 Eleazar Otwood
 Samuel Smithy's

Committee

Eastham may 30. 1757 we the subscribers being a Committee appoin-
 ted by the town to regulate the ~~school~~ and settle the school in the north-
 -erly part of the town after maturely considering the situation of
 the division have come to this determination that the school shall be
 settled as here after mentioned for three years from the schools commene-
 -ing to begin at the Islands at the northerly part of the north parish
 to be kept at the Dwelling house of Elisha Attwoods two months and a
 half and then to be kept at the meeting house nine months and if in
 the winter season at the most convenient house nearby and then two
 months and one quarter at Barnabas Fiddings and then four months
 and one quarter at Ebenezer Fiddings Dwelling house which makes
 eighteen months in going through the division then to begin at Elisha
 Attwoods Dwelling house again keep the same time and at each of the
 above mentioned places the same time as is above stated untill it hath
 gone through the division the second time and completed the three year as
 first proposed voted by the town to be put
 upon record and is accordingly recorded
 for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

Toheth Smith
 Solomon Jones
 Samuel Smith's
 Joseph Attwoods
 Joseph Popper
 Elisha Attwoods

Committee

we the subscribers being chosen a Committee to settle the school in the
 southerly half part of the town of Eastham do agree that the school shall
 go through the southerly half part of the town in the performance of twelve
 months schooling the first settlement to be at John Attwoods or near there
 a boats and that quarter to extend southerly as far as Nathaniel Attwoods
 the second settlement to be at Seth Knowles the second quarter to extend southerly as far as Ebenezer
 Fiddings and Easterly as far as James Fiddings the third settlement to be at
 John Paines or near there a boats for the three months the third quarter to
 extend Easterly as far as Mr Jones and Israel Mayo the fourth and last
 settlement to be at Daniel Coles or near there a boats for three months
 when one years school is performed then the second year to begin the first
 quarter at Seth Knowles the second quarter to be at John Attwoods the
 third quarter to be at Daniel Coles the last quarter to be at John Paines
 the third year the first quarter to be at John Attwoods the second quarter
 to be at Seth Knowles the third quarter to be at Daniel Coles the fourth
 and last quarter to be at John Paines

Richard Sparrow

Rutha Knowles

Jonathan King

Jonathan Higgins

Joseph Smith Jr

Isa Mayo

Committee

Eastham may 30. 1757

voted by the town to be put upon

Record and is accordingly recorded

then the town voted that the select men should sign a petition
 with Samuel Smith Esq that that paragraph relating to the seat on the
 north part of the town may be inserted
 Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Wednesday the 29th Day of June 1757 at two of the Clock in the after noon there was votes in a warning to do what shall be thought proper in preventing the Crows and Black Birds from Destroying the Corn. Mr Ebenezer Higgins moderator for a meeting then the moderator called a vote to see if the town would act upon what was sited in the notification or not and the vote passed in the negative. Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Wednesday the 1st Day of August 1757 at one of the Clock in the after noon there was votes in a warning to raise a sum of money to maintain the schools in a town and to support the poor in a town and also to do what may be thought proper to prevent the Destruction of Corn by Crows and Black Birds. John Freeman Esqr moderator for a meeting then voted to raise one hundred pounds one half to be paid in by the last of November next the other half by the last of April next then voted two pence for every Crow head and one penny a head for every old Black Birds head and young Crow head and a half penny a head for every young Black Birds head and so heads to be carried to the select men and so select men give orders to the treasure for the money this act to continue untill August 17th 1758. ~~Recorded~~ Then the following a Court was read and voted to be put upon record with the subscribers being appointed by the Town of Eastham to audit a County with Mr Edward Howells Town treasure for the year past have accordingly this 25th Day of June 1757 Examined a County and find these well voucht and right Cast and there is due to a Treasury one pound nine shillings six pence 2 farthings and there is out standing in the several Constables hands $150 = 16 = 8 = 3$

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 29th Day of August 1757 at 2 of the Clock in the after noon there was votes in a warning to choose two petty jury men to serve at the next inferior Court and there was drawn out of the Box for petty jury men Robert Nick and Samuel Saly Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Wednesday the 23rd Day of November 1757 at one of the Clock in the after noon there was votes in a warning to do what may be thought proper relating to the keeping the cattle and sheep out of the general fields between northwell & the Dore and the wisdom many proceessors by a petition to the general Court to possess & return there on or other will as the

to keep the Lane relating to Joseph the young
B. Linnet Beach & Ephraim Covel

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to have inspection over the Lane
B. Linnet Beach and John Smith

to take care of next month Joseph the young

then they voted to answer the petition put into the general court by the
moderators then the town made choice for an agent to answer a petition
moderators snow then voted to a bill for the next year for
two years past then voted that the way should be opened that the
select men laid out in 1756 by John Jennings then voted Joseph
Hewes servants pole vote should be a bill he had listed in the Kings
service the last summer it was discussed upon concerning the cattle
going in the general field between the wide freemen and Nathaniel
Hewes and Samuel then this meeting adjourned by a vote to Wednesday
the 8 of this instant month at 3 of the clock in the afternoon at nine and
place the town met and the moderators not present the town made choice
for moderator Mr Nathaniel freeman then the town voted that Joseph
pepper and Joseph Hamblton should have six shillings a year for
looking after the children on the sabbath days for the year past then
made choice of Capt. Gabe Snow and Samuel Boone to make up a county
with Deacon Hercules Snow, Treasurer

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting
house in Eastham on Wednesday the first day of March 1758 at 3 of the
clock in the afternoon there was votes in a morning to choose two
grand jury men for the ensuing year and three petty jury men to
serve at the next inferior court at Barnstable Capt. Gabe Snow
moderator for a meeting then the town made choice for grand
jury men Joseph Hamblton and Levi Smith and for petty jury
men Mr Nathaniel freeman, Elsie, Hewes and freeman Rogers

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meet-
ing house in Eastham on Monday the 24 day of April 1758 at 3 of
the clock in the afternoon there was votes in a morning to choose
three grand jury men and three petty jury men to serve at the sup-
erior court at Barnstable on the first Tuesday of May next Capt.
Gabe Snow moderator for a meeting then the town made choice
for grand jury men Samuel Boone Edward Knowles and
Thomas Knowles then this meeting adjourned to Friday the 25
of this instant April at 12 of the clock on so day by reason there
being but one select man present and could not draw out the
petty jury men at time and place the town met and made choice
for petty jury men Joseph Atkens Joseph pepper and Joseph
Cole Jr

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully convened and held at the middle meeting
house in Eastham on Monday the 15th day of May 1758 at one of the Clock
in the after noon there was voted in so ordering to choose a representative
to represent the town in the great and general Court to be holden the 21st day of
June 1758 on the 31st day of this instant May the town the said
chose by a major vote Mr Salomon Snow to represent the town for
the ensuing year
Recorded per Thomas Kennerly Town Clerk

May 31st 1758 we the Subscribers toward the Borne and church
behove the town of Eastham and the town of Sandwich which
are at present beginning at a swampy place near the water and a stone
set by it at the head of great narrow set them northwesterly to the
Crack in the meadow and from thence as the Crack runs out into
the sea and from the swampy place southeasterly over to set
water pond to a stone in a springey place a little to the west
ward of Samuel Chappels dwelling house and from thence as the
Canal runs out into the sea

Recorded per Thomas Kennerly
Town Clerk

James Higgins } select men
Gabe Snow } of Eastham
Barnabas Freeman } select men
Gabe Snow } of Sandwich

at a town meeting lawfully convened and held at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on Monday the fourteenth day of May
1758 at 2 of the Clock in the after noon there was voted in so
to raise a sum of money which shall be thought requisite to the
charges of the town for the year ensuing also to what shall be their
right proper respecting that part of the town that is destitute of a
school the select men not being willing to give a higher salary
without the towns advice and also to what shall be proper respec
ting those who have interest in the present expedition against
Canada for the town whether the town will order the assessors not
to tax them for their poles this year or how far they shall be
exempted and also to continue the black land act if the town think
proper Gabe Snow foreman Mr Snow foreman for a meeting
then voted to raise one hundred pounds to defray the charges for
the ensuing year one half to be paid in by the last of December next
the other half by the last of April next then voted the school then
to be removed out of the southerly part of the town into the northerly
part to work up there lots of school then voted that those that interest
for the town should be a list of those poles for provisions and town
rate then voted to continue the black land act so far as to old Crok
and some black woods lands was no further

then the foreman a committee was voted and voted to be put upon record
the town clerk being appointed by the town of Eastham to audit
accounts with Mr Salomon Snows town treasure for the year past
being accordingly this 16th day of May 1758 Enacted &c &c It
and gave them well wrought and right well and there is due to

Said Treasurer six shillings and three pence and there is out standing in the said Constables hands the sum of one hundred pounds four shillings and seven pence 2 pence

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Wednesday the 15. of November 1758 there was notes in a warning to do what was proper in providing the highway people in going ascharibing at blisquit point, Mr Jonathan Doane moderator for a meeting and the Town chose not to act upon the affair. These the town voted the last years Constables & present on the 10 for collecting the town rate if so Constables pay in and make up with the town treasure on or before the last of December next.

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Wednesday the 15. of November 1758 there was notes in a warning to choose 3 pety jury men to serve at the next inferior Court at Barnstable. John Freeman moderator for a meeting and there was but one of the select men present and the moderator advised the meeting Town to John Cole and there was there by on out of the box for pety jury men prince Collins Robert Snow and Ephraim Cole.

Recorded for Thomas Knowles Town Clerk

At a Towne meeting Lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in Eastham on the 5 Day of March 1759 There at ten of the Clock on sd Day There was notes in sd warning to Chuse Towne Clerk select men and Constables and all other house officers as the Law directs Also to do what may be thought proper with respect to the schools in sd Towne if they can be ordered for the more general Benefit of the sd Towne. John Freeman Esq Chos moderator for sd meeting then made shon of gaber snow for Towne Clerk

Select men	Mr James Higgers Samuel Doane Ezzer Atwood	Servuans of Hy ways	Nathaniel Bacon Nathaniel Smith Ezekel Harding
for Constables	David Snow Jonathan Cole Phineas Green Samuel Smith 3	for fence Lewers	Nathaniel Atwood Samuel Smith
for Towns Treasurer	Mr Edward Howle	Servuans of Boards and Pringalls	Cpl Solomon Greper Ex Stephen Snow
for Towne assessers	Theophilus Higgers Jonathan Doane Ephraim Cole	for Leather Sealers	Josiah Seas Levi Smith
for Siding men	Daniel Cole gr Nathaniel Cole Joseph Piers	Deer Reef Hog Reef	Jonathan Mayo Joseph Cole 3d Hatsel neconson Thomas Dill

At a Town meeting lawfully warned and held
at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday
the 24th Day of April 1769 There was notice
given warning to Chas^r Fine from Jurymen for the Superior Court
to be held at Barnstable on the first Friday of May next
and three petty Jurymen from same on the Court of Trials at
Barnstable on the 2^d Friday of May next
for 3^d meeting and there was chosen Jonathan Poore Ches^r M^r Wade
Poore Justice Colens and Henry Jenkins and for petty Jurymen
Capt Elisha Poore Beriah Higgins and of Barnstable Holbrook
Recorded for John Snow Town Clerk

At a Town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting house in Eastham on Tuesday the 24th Day of April 1769
at 10 o'clock in the afternoon There was notice in 3^d
warning to Chas^r Fine good and lawful men qualified to serve
on the Jury at the Law Courts to serve on the Jury at the next
Superior Court to be held at Barnstable on the 2^d Friday
of May next and there was then drawn out of the Box
for petty Jurymen Richard Howard Packiel Hardings
and John Sailer: Recorded for me John Snow Town Clerk

At a Town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting House in Eastham on the 1st Day of May 1769
there was notice in 3^d warning to Chas^r a Representative
to present the Town and serve the Town in the grate and
General Court or assembly at Boston and the Town was
Chas^r of Jonathan Poore for a Representative
to serve for the present year. Recorded by me John Snow Town Clerk

At a Town meeting lawfully warned the 1st Day of May 1769 There was notice
for the Town to consider on what they thought proper in selling
the Towns of a lot of wood of 11th Timothy Cotes and there
was a vote taken whether the Town would or not get in
that offer or not and it put in the negative
at 3^d meeting John Snow and Jonathan Poore and returns
that they had made up with the Town Treasurers and
that there was due to 30 Treasurers Twenty three pounds fifteen
shillings and that there was outstanding in the
secret Chests for one hundred twelve pounds five
shillings and Recorded for me John Snow Town Clerk

At a Town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
Middle meeting House in Eastham on Sunday the 20th Day
of August 1752 At Two of the Clock in the afternoon there
was notice in the morning to raise money to be payd the Town
Charges for the present year. There was choice of 200 assessed
freemen for the Quarter and voted to raise one hundred pounds
lawful money for the years of School and poor and other
necessary Town Charge one half to be paid in by the last
December next and the other half by the last of April
next. ~~There was~~ There was also notice to be what
manner to. Though proper in allowing the last year Constable
a premium for gathering the Town Rate the year past
and then looked to a Law to the. So Constable right
done on the pound for gathering. So Rate provided
that they pay in and make with the Town Treasurer by
the last of December next
Recorded by me Jaber Snow Town Clerk

At a Town meeting lawfully warned and held at the
Middle meeting House in Eastham on Sunday the 19th
Day of November 1753 There was notice in the morning
to Chas. Thorne good and lawful men to serve on
the petty jury of the next inferior Courts at
Barnstable on the first Tuesday of December
next and there was good choice of the Town
to serve at so Courts. Richard Spooner
Coroner
Jaber Snow
Recorded by me Jaber Snow Town Clerk

~~At a Town meeting lawfully warned and held at the Middle
meeting House in Eastham~~

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Eastham
January the 7th 1760 Regularly warned to there was
notice in the morning to Chas. Thorne agents to join with the
~~agents of the other Towns in the~~ agents of the other Towns in the
County of Barnstable to put in a petition to the General
Court to lessen the number of the Courts in the County
of Barnstable and the so Town then Chas. Capt
Solomon paper for moderator at so meeting and in
Jonathan Foote agent to prefer a petition to
the General Court or join with the other agents
in the General Court in the County of Barnstable to
shorten the Courts of Common pleas and General Sessions of
the peace at Barnstable attested Edward Knowles Town
Clerk for so meeting. The above Transcribed
by me Jaber Snow Town Clerk

at a Town meeting lawfully summoned and held at
the aforesaid meeting, house in Eastham on the 4 day
of march. 1760 at 9 of the clock on sd day
there was voted in so warrants to Chas & James
guarant for so years and to serve on the select
Corts of general sessions to be holden at Barnstable
this present yeare and also to Chas & men to
serve on the petty jury at the next general
Corte of Common Pleas to be holden at
Barnstable on the third Tuesday of next
our pichard sparrow Chas moderator then Chas
for green jure men.
and James Snow
and Ebenezer Atwood
and for petty gentlemen.

re. corded by me
Jonathan Spencer
Edison Freeman
Thomas Rogers
John Snow Town Clerk

at a Town meeting lawfully summoned and held at the
aforesaid meeting, house in Eastham on the 4th day
of march. 1760 at 10 of the clock on sd day
there was voted in so warrants to Chas Town
Clerk and Town Treasurer and Joseph Snow and
Crisstobal and all other Town officers as the law
directs for the yeare ensuing and also to be
what may be thought proper in resuming the
wages that shall in down for keeping two scaly
masters for three years and also to be what may
be thought proper in backing of the pots of the
soldiers that was rated in the yeare 1759 that are
in the service and those that are returned home
and also to be what is thought proper in backing
of Joseph Smith in his sons rate rate that was
rated in the yeare 1759 and also for the Town
to be what is thought proper to be paid with
respect to the poor sick people in the parish
of the Town namely the persons family and
Samuel Paris and Joseph Wincomb
The Town then proceeded to and Chas
for moderator John Freeman Esq
and for Town Clerk } John Snow
and for Town Treasurer } Edward Hensley
beacon.

for select men	Elmer Howard Richard Knolls Joseph Cole	Leather Sealers	Jonathan Living John Freeman
for Constables	Joshua Poore Bonnetes Freeman Euseb. Hubbard	peave. Reefs	arithmetic Jeremiah Mayo
for Town Assessors	Theophiles Higgins Jonathan Poore Ephraim Couch	Hog Reefs	Edmond Poore Beriah Higgins William Woods
for Tithings men	Ephraim Mayo Jr. Levi Smith Thomas Higgins Jr.	person. Keys	Jeremiah Smith Joseph Adams
for Surveyors of ways	Samuel Higgins Samuel Smith Jr. Joseph Pierce	To keep the land for Bathings gate Beach	Ephraim Couch Jonathan Young
for fence men	Amos Knolls Richard Knolls Richard Fry	for assessors Beach	Joseph Mayo
for Surveyors of Roads and Highways	Samuel Poore Edward Knolls	for assessor mayor Samuel Smith Jonathan Higgins	Esq Higgins Freeman
		arithmetic Elmer Catharine	

After a long for meeting, it was considered. what was best
 to be done as to the scales and leather. The town with respect
 the vote there was past for keeping two good assessors
 for three years & it past in the affirmative; and at a
 meeting it was also considered whether the town
 with back of the pole. after the golden was forced
 in the year 1759 and it was put to a vote by the
 moderate. and it past in the affirmative. it was also
 it was also put to a vote whether the town with
 a late Joseph Smith sons pole rate. that he was
 forced in the pole bills in the year 1759; and
 104 and it past in the affirmative; and it was also considered
 by the town what should be done as to the poor
 sick in the north part of the town. nearly
 Joshua pierces family Joseph Edmund & Samuel Jones
 and it was then voted that the select men
 turn over for further consideration

shant still go on to provide for the sick people
according to the Best Discretion. Both for the
the Support of the Sick and to the Best Benefit
of the Town. and the meeting was adjourned to
Monday the 12. Day of This Instant. March
recorded for me. Jaber. Snow Town Clerk
on the 12. Day of March. according to adjournment
then met at the old place to Review the Returns
of the Constables and the 30 Constables made no
objections and the Town also chose for a Committee
to match up with the Town Treasurer. Samuel Poore. and
Jaber Snow and to make Returns to the Town at
their next meeting. Recorded by me. Jaber. Snow
Town Clerk

At a Town meeting. Lately adjourned and held at the Middle
meeting. House in Berkham on the 21. Day of April 1760
There was notice in the morning, to Chuse three men
for grand jurors to serve on the grand jury at the next
Sessions Court to be holden at Barnstable on the first
Tuesday of May next and three petty jurors to serve
at the same Court.
and also three petty juror men to serve on
the petty jury at the next Court of General Sessions
at the Old end of the next Court at Common Pleas
to be holden at Barnstable on the second of May
next.
The Town then Chose for moderator - 91. Samuel Poore
and for grand jurors Lieutenant William Kneale
Lieutenant Edward Snowles and Samuel Poore
to serve on the grand jury; and for petty juror
men to serve on the Sessions Court as before
at Barnstable. Dr. J. Higgins Ebenezer Edney
and Philip Higgins and for petty juror men
for the grand jury to be holden at Barnstable
on the second Tuesday of May next. Jaber
Joseph Smith. Hinks Gros and Joseph Cole the 3
recorded for me. Jaber. Snow Town Clerk

At a town meeting lawfully warned and held at the middle
meeting House in Eastham on the 14th Day of May 1760
there was notice in & warning to Chas a Representative
to represent the Town at the State and General
Court at Boston the yeare ensuing and also to
provide mought be thought proper in keeping the
Scales for the future then voted to defer the matter
for further consideration: also to go what the
Town thought fit in Facking of David Browns pole.
Note the yeare past: Mr Joseph Smith being
Chas Moderator for & meeting the Town then Chas
Mr Silvanus Snow to Represent the Town at the State
and General Court to be holden at Boston the yeare
ensuing: and also the Town voted that & David Browns
pole Note should be abated recorded by me
Julen Snow Town Clerk

Eastham given the 2th 1760 are the subscribers
being legally met to run the line between
the Town of Eastham and the Town of Freetown
and have after marched the bounds lines as
witness our hand

Mr Joseph Snow } select
men.
Jonathan Power } of Freetown
Joseph Cade } select
men.
and Thomas Higgs }
appointed by the }
select men of Eastham

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at a town meeting warned according to law at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on the 22^d day
of July 1760 to select the Box of juries according
to the late act also to do what might be thought proper
in taking of the soulders poole money that interest in
the year 1759, and to do what might be thought proper
in keeping the scoll or scolls for the future, and also
to raise money to pay the town scolls and other necessary
charges for the present year, and also to do what might be
thought proper. In taking sum care of Mr. Joshua Higgen
John Freeman Esq. was chosen moderator
Theophilus Higgen Samuel Deane Willard Knowles
Joseph Cole Jun. and Elezer Atwood was then chosen a
Committee to select the tickets in the juries box
the vote then past in the negative Respecting the soulders
hole poole money that went out in the year 1759 —
then voted that the soulders that went out in the year 1759
for their own Companies should draw out of the tax money
raised in the town for the year 1760. So much of their poole
tax in the town Rate now stands —
the town then voted not to act any thing Respecting the
scoll at present —

the town then Excepted the Report of the Committee that
made up with the town treasurer in the year 1760 —
the town then voted to Raise one hundred and sixty pounds
lawful money upon Pools and Estates in the town of East
ham to pay scolls matters and other necessary charges
arising in said town, the one halfe of sd sum to be paid in
to the town treasurer by the last of november next and the
and the other halfe by the last of april in the year 1761 —

Record by me Richard Sparrow town clerk for the above meeting

at a town meeting warned according to law at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on the first day of
Septbr 1760 there was voted in said worshipping to
chose three good and lawfull men to serve on the
petit jury at the next Court of General sessions of
the peace on the third Tuesday of September at barnstable
the town then chose Esq. John Freeman
moderator for said meeting and there was drawn
for petit jurors —

Recorded by me Edward Knowles

Town Clerk for said meeting

David Snow
Elisha Linnell
Samuel Sparrow
Joane

at a town meeting in Eastham on monday the 22 day 1760 of September 1760 at two of the clock in the after noon votes in drawing to Chose a town clerk and also to consider the constables for gathering the town rate the year past Esq John freeman was Chosen moderator for sd meeting and Edward Knowles was Chosen town clerk voted that the constables should be allowed 8 pence on the pound for gathering the town rate they making up with the treasury by the last day of December next
Recorded by me Edward Knowles town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 28 of October 1760 there was Notice in said morning to draw out three men for petit jurymen to serve at the common pleas to be holden at Barnstable the first Tuesday of December next then the tickets were drawn and the names that were drawn was: Jesse Cole Saml Mayo and Elisha Doane jr
Recorded by me Edward Knowles town clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham on monday 2 day of march 1761 and there was Notice in said morning to Chose two men to serve on the grand jury at the Court of general sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnstable on the third Tuesday of march next and at the several Courts in the year ensuing and three men to serve on the petit jury for tryal at said next Court of common pleas to be holden at Barnstable on the third Tuesday of march next and there was Chosen for grand jury men Thomas Rogers Elezer Atwood and there was drawn out of the Box for petit jury men Isaac Sparrow Solomon Beane jr and Solomon Snow Esq John freeman moderator
Recorded by me Edward Knowles town clerk

at a town meeting in at the midel meeting house in Eastham on monday the 2 day of march 1761 nine a clock in the forenoon warned to make choice of town officers for the following year as the Law directs as also to see if the town will make good their agreement that on Thomas Pine Clams was made with him by the former select men Respecting his pol tax and also for the town to consider wheather they will keep then one town school after the time is out that has been voted to keep two John freeman Esq Chosen moderator for sd meeting then were Chosen for town officers as followeth

Edward Knowles for town clerk and town Treasurer for the present year	
Joseph Cole	select men
William Knowles	
Saml Smith Jr	
Elephus Higgins	assessors
Jonathan Beane	
Ephraim Couell	
Isaac Cole	constables
Robert Snow	
Nehemiah Doane	
William Walker	ward
Joseph Pierce	ward
Nothing	
Jesse Snow	
John Snow	
Thomas Higgins jr	
Benjamin Grimes	
Jonathan Smith	
Uriah Higgins	
Ebenezer Elmer	
Leather Peabody	
Joshua Hopkins	
Levi Smith	
John Prosser	
Surveyors	
of Boro	
and Shingles	
Ezra Young	
Stephen Snow jr	
Jonathan Young	
Negative men	
Richard Sparrow	
Ebenezer Higgins	
Saml Doane	
Saml Smith jr	
Amos Knowles	
to keep the Law at	
norset Beach	
Joseph Mayo	
hog Rives	
Elisha Young	
Jesse Doane	
Saml Stubs	
pound keepers	
Richard Paine	
George Brown	
Joseph Atkins	
to keep the Law at	
Wilingsat Beach	
John Sweet	
Ephraim Couell	
Jonathan Young	
to take care of Esq	
Smith put on Cattel	

wardens to keep the Law Relating to the Lords Day Else
freeman Samuell Doane Elisha Holbrook
voted at a meeting to allow Mr Thomas Gaine his Claims as was
made by the former Select men voted to keep but one school after
the Expiration of the three years is Expires voted that Jonathan
Doane Samuell Doane to make up accounts with the town treasurer
then this meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 30 day of March at one o'clock
in the afternoon then met at time and place the moderator being
present Released Isaac Cole being Constable and George Daniel
Cole Constable to serve in his room and Released herekiah
Doane from being Constable and Chose Jonathan Miller
Constable in his room Record by me Edward Knowles Town Clerk
at a town meeting in Eastham the 1st day of April 1761 warned to
Chose three Grand Jurie men and three petit Jurie men for the Superior
Court of Judicature Court of assize and Generall Goal deliver to be
holden at Barnstable for the County of Barnstable and Dukes County
on the first tuesday of may next then Chose for moderator Mr Samuell
Doane and there was drawn for petit Jurymen Solomon Doane step-
hen Snow Juner and John Doane and for Grand Jurymen Silvanus
Snow and William Myrick and Ebenezer Atwood
Record by me Edward Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 1st day of May 1761 warned
according to Law at the middle meeting house notice in said morning
to Chuse a Representative and also to Chuse agents to agree with
the agents of Harwich Respecting the Rating the Real Estate
Lying in Each town where the one dwells in the other town and
also to consider and show what the town shall think proper in
abating the pole tax of the soldiers that went into the service
in the year 1760 or under Capt West and also for the town to
consider William Atwood in his Charge of the Small pox in his
family last winter John Freeman Esq Chosen moderator
for said meeting the town then Chose Mr Jonathan Doane to
Represent the town at the great and General at Boston the
year ensuing voted at a meeting to Chuse two ^{council} agents to
agree with Harwich agents the town Chose Richard Sparrow
and Theophilus Higgins to be their agents to agree with Harwich
agents in Rating the Real Estate in Each town the vote was
called whether the town would abate the soldiers pole tax
and it past in the negative voted to allow William
Atwood Six pound toward paying the Charge of the
Small pox in his family last winter
Recorded by me Edward Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham the 3rd day of June 1761 warned
according to Law at notice in the morning Chose an agent or agents
to divide fence with Harwich agent by Sackett River or other
wise to do what may be thought proper to prevent Contentions

going on harwich flats or sedge ground and the town
made of Capt Pepper mediator: and for agents to agree
with the harwich agent to divide fence or other wise to do
what may be thought proper to be done to prevent creatures
going on harwich flats or sedge ground Capt Pepper & vicar
Record by me Edward Knowles Town Clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham at the middle meeting house the
10 Day of August an dom 1761 warned as the Law Directs notice
in said warning to raise money to pay the town school and to
support the poor and all other necessary charges for the
present year and also to consider the Constables for gathering
the town Rate the year past John Freeman Esq mediator
for sd meeting voted to raise one hundred and twenty pound
for the use a house ^{on poor and} ^{and} ^{States} sd meeting that one third
part should be paid by the last of november and the other one
third by the last of april and the other third by the last
of December and that Constable that failes in either
of these payments shall loose the Bounty for that third
part that he failes in the town then ^{of the Community that} ^{recepted the Report}
that was chosen to mark up with the town treasurer in the year
1761 voted to allow the Constables eight pence on the pound
if they mark up and settle accounts with the treasurer by
the last Day of December next

we the subscribers being chosen agents by the Town of Harwich and the Town of
Eastham to agree on sd Towns behalf how and where the inhabitants of sd
sd Towns should be assessed for the Real Estate which any of the said
inhabitants own and are possess of not lying in either of sd Towns which
they live in or are an inhabitant of we have accordingly considered of sd
with the Circumstances and quantity thereof and have mutually agreed that the
Town of Harwich shall for the future assess all the inhabitants of sd Town for
all the Real Estate they own and possess lying in the Township of said Eastham
and also they shall assess the Real Estate that Capt Elisha Tane now owns in
the town of Harwich and also that the town of Harwich pay
yearly out of their Treasury one Shilling and four pence one farthing
on the hundred on their hole tax to the Town of Eastham and that the Town of
Eastham shall assess all the inhabitants of sd Town for all the Real Estate
they own in Harwich excepting what Capt Elisha Tane now owns this
agreement to continue till either party shall see cause to break it and
give the other party four months warning in witness whereof we have here
unto set our hands this 30 Day of July 1761

Recorded by me Edward Knowles Town Clerk

Richard Sparrow
Theophilus Higgins
William Freeman
John Snow

at a town meeting at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 23 Day of
November 1761 warned as the Law Directs to Chuse three men for petit jurors
at the next Superior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at
Barnstable on the first Tuesday of December next and there was
brought out for petit jurymen Isaac Higgins Benjamin Higgins
and Nathaniel Crocker

Recorded by Edward Knowles Town Clerk

at a Precinct meeting in Eastham on monday the 2 day of march 1761 at the north meeting house in order to chuse precinct officers for the ensuing year as the law directs and also to do what may be thought proper in abating the poll tax of the soldiers that went for their own companies in the year 1759 as they stood taxed in the bills that year then Edward Knowles was chosen president Clark and Nathaniel Freeman president Treasurer Theophilus Higgins Jonathan Foane and Richard Sparrow assessors and for precinct committee Theophilus Higgins Jonathan Foane Richard Sparrow voted to abate the soldiers poll tax that went out in the year 1759 for their own companies as they stood taxed in the bill that year Josiah Foane Josiah Sears was chosen to make up with the treasurer
Recorded by me Edward Knowles precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting in Eastham on monday the tenth day of August 1761 at the north meeting house in said precinct notice in said ^{worship} to raise money to support the publick worship of God in said precinct and all other necessary charges arising within the same a vote also to consider the Constables for gathering the precinct rate the year past the precinct met at time and place and chose Mr Nathaniel Freeman moderator for said meeting the precinct then voted to raise one hundred and fifty pound on the polls and estates for the use above said and this part to be paid into the precinct Treasurer by the last day of November and one third by the last day of April and the other third by the last day of December 1762 voted that Mrs. Joshua Foane Robert Snow should be the men to procure wood for the ministers the precinct then excepted the Report ^{of the town} that was chosen to make up accounts with the precinct Treasurer in the year 1761

Recorded by me Edward Knowles precinct clerk

at a town meeting in Eastham on monday the 25th 1762 ^{at the middle meeting} at one of the clock in the afternoon notice in said morning to do what the town shall think proper in keeping a town school or schools for English Learning till ~~the~~ so town shall have a grammar ~~master~~ school and also for so town to vote that the charges of so school or schools shall be paid out of the town Treasury John Freeman Esq chosen moderator for said meeting voted at so meeting that the select men should hire a man to keep the town school till they can hire a grammar school master and to pay him out of the Town Treasury

Recorded by me Edward Knowles precinct clerk

At a Precinct meeting, north and south. Precinct on
the 1st day of March, 1760 at Three of the Clock
in the afternoon there was called in to witness
to Chose a precinct Clark and Treasurer and all others
precinct officers as the law directs the precinct
then chose Capt. Solomon Paper. Moderator.
for the meeting, and made Chas for precinct Clark
~~and for precinct Treasurer~~ John. Snow
for precinct Treasurer. Mr. Stephen Freeman
for precinct Treasurers - - Jonathan Doane

and for precinct Committee Theophilus Higgins 201
Richard Sparrow

Jonathan Doane
Theophilus Higgins
and Richard Sparrow
and to make up with the precinct Treasurer
Capt. Solomon Paper. and Mr. Theophilus Higgins
Recorded by me John. Snow precinct Clark

At a precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham
warned according to law on the 22 day of July 1760
to Raise money to pay Precinct Charges Nathaniel
freeman was Chosen moderator for the meeting
the Precinct then voted to Raise one hundred and
ninety five pounds lawful money one pole and states
to support the Preaching of the Gospel and other necessary
charges arising in the precinct the one half to be paid
into the Precinct Treasury by the last of November
next and the other half by the last of April in the year 1761
the precinct then accepted the Report of the Committee
that made up with the Precinct Treasurer in the year 1760
Recorded by me Richard Sparrow precinct Clark for the
above meeting.

at a precinct meeting in the South precinct in Eastham on
Monday the 22 day of September 1760 at the north meeting house in
said precinct at Three of the Clock in the afternoon there
was notes to Chose a precinct Clark and also to do
what may be thought proper in allowing the Constables for
gathering the precinct rates the year past then Joseph Smith
Joseph Smith was Chosen moderator for the meeting and Edward
Kneels was Chosen precinct Clark voted at said meeting
to allow the Constables eight pence on the pound they
making up with the treasury by the last day of December next
Recorded by me Edward Kneels precinct Clark

At a present meeting warned and held at the 20th meeting house
 on 3d present on Monday the 5th Day of March 1759
 at three of the Clock in afternoon. There being a
 presence of the 120 present for the present year
 and the 120 present for the present year
 and the 120 present for the present year
 and the 120 present for the present year

Improvement Sessors and present Commeze	Gheophiles Higgins Jonathan Poole Richard J. Sperron	and the 120 present for the present year the present year Gheophiles Higgins and Josiah Sease
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Recorded by me. Gaber. Snow present Clerk

At a present meeting warned and held at the 20th meeting
 house in the South. Present in Eastham. At on Monday the
 20th Day of August. At Three of the Clock in the afternoon
 and there was a presence of 120 in warning to raise money to defray
 the present charge for the present year. as also to
 do what may be thought proper in lowering the several
 Constables for gathering the present rate. This present
 year: Sgt John Freeman Chas moderator then voted
 to raise one hundred and fifty pounds to full money to defray
 the present charge one half to be paid in by the last of
 November next and the other half to be paid in by the last
 of April next: also voted to allow the four sd Constables
 eight pence on the pound for gathering the present rate
 provided they make up with the Treasurer by the time set
 in 3d 20 day of 3d meeting. Gheophiles Higgins and
 Josiah Sease a Committee to make up and audit a committee
 with Mr Nathaniel Freeman present Treasurer brought
 in there reports as follows: This 5th Day of March
 1759 Examined 3d accounts and find them well voucht and
 right Coste and we find in 3d Treasurers hands Three
 pounds Eight shillings one penny one farthing to pay out
 and we find out standing in the several Constables hands
 one hundred forty two pounds Eight shillings and seven
 pence.
 Recorded by me. Gaber. Snow present Clerk

at a present meeting lawfully warned and held at the north meeting house on the present ^{South meeting} there was notes in a warning to raise a present clerk present treasure and all other present officers as the law directs for the ensuing year and also to what may be thought proper to secure the glass of the meeting houses from flying away all willard Apponcles moderated for the meeting there this meeting adjourned to Wednesday the 9. of this instant month at 2 of the clock in the afternoon at home and place the present met and read choys for present clerk Thomas Knowles and present treasure Mr Nathaniel Freeman are

present Jonathan Boone assessors Theophilus Higgins Richard Sparrow

present Jonathan Boone community Theophilus Higgins Richard Sparrow

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voted the present community should procure Gran bands for the windows of the meeting house then read choys of Capt Solomon pepper and Joseph Smith Jr to make up with Mr Nathaniel Freeman present treasurer

Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting lawfully warned and held at the north meeting house on the present on Monday the fourteenth Day of August 1758 at 3 of the clock in the afternoon there was notes in a warning to raise a sum of money to support the preaching of the gospel in morning and to pay for all other necessary charges arising in the present the ensuing year. John Freeman Esq moderator for the meeting there voted to raise one hundred and fifty pounds one half to be paid in by the last of November next the other half by the last of April next there voted that the selectmen should procure the fire wood for Mr Crocker and Ebenezer Higgins to procure the fire wood for Mr Cheney then the following report was read and voted to be put upon record we the subscribers being appointed by the north presents of 20th Nov to audit accounts with Nathaniel Freeman present since his departure have accordingly this 17 Day of March 1758 examined the accounts and find them well vouched and right and we find in the 2 treasures books to pay out two shillings and 6 pence we also find out standing in the several Cravats bills for one hundred twenty two pounds seven shillings and 6 pence

Solomon pepper
Joseph Smith Jr

Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

a present meeting lawfully warned and held at the north meeting house on Wednesday the 15 of November 1758 there was notes in a warning to do what may be thought proper in a warning the last year Cravats for collect the present rate Mr Jonathan Boone moderated for the meeting there the present rate of 1 Cravats pay in and make up with the present treasure on or before the last of December next Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting lawfully warned and held at the north meeting house in the south present in Eastham on Tuesday the first Day of march 1757 at 3 of the Clock in the after noon there was notes in a warning to chase a present clerk present treasure and all other present officers for the ensuing year Gohar Freeman exr moderator for a meeting then made Choyes of Thomas Knowles present Clerk

present } Mr Nathaniel Freeman exr
treasure

present } Jonathan Doane
assessors } Theophilus Higgins
} Melchor Sparrow

present } Jonathan Doane
Committee } Theophilus Higgins
} Melchor Sparrow

note that Theophilus Higgins and Josiah Sears should make up a County with Mr Nathaniel Freeman in present treasurers

Records for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting lawfully warned and held at the north meeting house in a present on wednesday the 17 day of August 1757 at 3 of the Clock in the after noon there was notes in a warning to raise money to support the preaching of the gospel among us and other necessary Charges arising in a present the year ensuing Mr Nathaniel Freeman moderator for a meeting then voted to raise one hundred and fifty pounds one half to be paid in by the last of November next the other half by the last of April next then voted Solomon Doane to procure the fire wood for Mr Church then voted that Mr Nathaniel Freeman should procure fire wood for Mr Church

then the following a count was read and voted to be put on record we the subscribers being appointed by the south present in Eastham to audit a County with Mr Nathaniel Freeman exr present treasure for the year past have according to this 14 day of march 1757 examined a count and find them well acquitted and right Cast and we find a treasure has paid out 18 = 5 = 1 more then he has received in gold we find out standing in the several Constables hands 126 = 11 = 1 Theophilus Higgins Josiah Sears present

Records for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting lawfully warned and held at the north meeting house in a present on wednesday the 25 day of November 1757 at 3 of the Clock in the after noon there was notes in a warning to do what may be thought proper in allowing the former Constables a County for collecting the present rate Mr James Higgins moderator for a meeting then the present voted the several former Constables six pence on the pound for collecting the present rate if a Constable pay in and make up with the present treasure at or before the last of December next

Records for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting of the south present in Eastham on Monday the 8 Day of March 1756. There was notes in a covering to Chas. a present clerk present or measure and all other present of esars Deacon Jonathan Higgins moderator for so meeting there was then chosen for present clerk Thomas Knowles and present or measure Mr Nathaniel Freeman.

present assessors { Richard Sparrow
Osheophilus Higgins
Jonathan Doane

at the a long so meeting and says of Joseph Smith Jr and Oshel Higgins to make up a County with Mr Nathaniel Freeman present Treasurers

present community { Osheophilus Higgins
Richard Sparrow
Jonathan Doane

Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting August 1756

at a present meeting in the south present in Eastham at the north meeting house in so present on Monday the 16 Day of August 1756 at 3 of the clock in the afternoon there was no tea and was rising to raise money to support the preaching of the gospel among us and other necessary charges arising this present year. Mr Ebenezer Higgins moderator for so meeting then voted to raise one hundred and fifty ^{pounds} one half to be paid in by the last of December next the other half by the last of April next then voted the several Constables & peric on the pound for collecting the present rate the last year if so Constables pay in and make up with the present treasure on or before the last of December next then chose Ebenezer Higgins to procure fire wood for Mr Chesser then chose Chose of Mr Nathaniel Freeman to procure fire wood for Mr Croker. Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

The poulding voted to be put upon yeelord we the subscribers being appointed by the south present in Eastham to audit accounts with Mr Nathaniel Freeman present treasure for the year past have accordingly this 22 Day of March 1756 examined so accounts and find them well wrought and right cast we find in so treasure hands three pounds thirteen shillings and one penny all so we find out standing in the several Constables hands one hundred nineteen pounds seventeen shillings 6 pence one farthing. Osheophilus Higgins Joseph Smith Jr

Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting in the south present in Eastham on Monday the 10th day of March 1755. There was ready in the morning to choose a present clerk and present treasure and all other present officers as the law directs. Mr Jonathan Boone moderator for the meeting. There was then chosen for present clerk Thomas Knowles at the above for present treasure Nathaniel Freeman Sheophilus Higgins of the freemen and theophilus Higgins present assessors Jonathan Boone Richard Sparrow to make up a court with Mr Nathaniel Freeman for present treasure.

Recorded for Thomas Knowles present clerk

at a present meeting lawfully warned and held at the north meeting house in the south present in Eastham on Monday the 18th of August 1755 at 5 of the clock in the afternoon there was votes in the morning to raise money to support the preaching the gospel among us and other necessary charges arising in the present and all to do what may be proper in allowing the several constables there bounty for collecting the present rate the last year John Freeman Esq. ordered after for the meeting then voted to raise one hundred and fifty pounds on the poles and estates of the notable inhabitants of the south present in Eastham one half to be paid in to the present treasure by the last of December next the other half by the last of April next then voted the several constables three pence on the pound for collecting the present rate if the constables pay in and make up with the present treasure on or before the last of December next then made choice of Seth Knowles to procure fire wood for Mr Croker then made choice of Samuel Boone to procure fire wood for Mr Chever.

Recorded for Thomas Knowles present clerk

the shouling voted to be put upon record we the subscribers being appointed by the south present in Eastham to audit accounts with Mr Nathaniel Freeman for present treasure for the year past have accordingly this twenty fourth day of March 1755 examined a court and find them well wrought and well cast and we find in the treasure books nine pence of five shillings two pence and two farthings and also there is out standing in the several constables hands one hundred fifty six pounds nine shillings and seven pence.

John Freeman
Sheophilus Higgins

Recorded for Thomas Knowles present clerk

⑤ we and make up with the present treasurer on or
before the last of December next — 1751
then voted that the Rev Mr Crocker and Mr Chener
salary be and bear by are stated at sixty pounds lawful
money to each of them annually so long as they shall
respectably continue in the ministry or ministry
they accepting thereof and signing the same under
their hands in this meeting and the same is to be under-
stood in but one of the money they were to have had
yearly by way of any and all former votes or contracts
Mr Crocker salary to commence the 27 of last April
Mr Chener the 14 of last May the above money was
Eastham August 5: 1754 — Joseph Crocker
Edward Chener
after being voted by the present the Rev Mr Crocker
and Mr Chener sign the vote as followeth —
we the subscribers accept of the sum voted a-bore
as there in express as witness our hands

Joseph Crocker
Edward Chener

then voted and made Choy of Deacon Jonathan Higgins
to procure the fire wood for Mr Crocker as yeasel and
Mr Ebenezer Higgins to procure fire wood for Mr Chener

Recorded per Thomas Knowles present Clk
at the a-bore meeting the following account was
read in the meeting and voted to be put upon
Record —
we the subscribers being a committee appointed to audit
accounts with Mr Nathaniel Freeman Jr present treasurer
for the year past have accordingly this 19: Day of
March 1754 examined sd accounts we find them well
vouched and right cast and we find in sd treasurers
hands sixteen pounds four pence 3 farthings and there
is out standing in in the several Constables hands
ninety eight pounds fifteen shillings and one penny
Eastham March 19: 1754

Theophilus Higgins
Josiah Sears

Recorded per Thomas Knowles present Clk

and at the a fore meeting the following account was read
 in the meeting and voted to be put upon record.
 we the subscribers being appointed by the south present meeting
 to audit accounts with Mr Nathaniel Freeman Jr present treasurer
 for the year past have accordingly this 16. Day of May 1753
 examined the accounts and find them well vouch'd and right Cast
 are we find in the Treasurers hands three pounds thirteen shillings
 and seven pence 2 farthings and also there is out standing in the
 several Constables hands forty six pounds thirteen shillings
 and seven pence three farthings

John Freeman
 Samuel Doane Jr
 present

Recorded for Thomas Knowles present

at a present meeting lawfully warned and held at the south
 present in Eastham at the north meeting house in a present
 on Monday the 11. of March 1754 at 3 of the Clock and Day
 there was votes in a warning to chuse a present clerk and
 present treasurer and all other present officers for the present year
 Mr Wilham Sparrow moderator for a meeting there was
 therefore a present

Clark's Thomas Knowles

then made chous of theophilus
 Higgin and Josias Sears
 to make up a court with
 Nathaniel Freeman Jr
 present treasurer

present treasurer Nathaniel Freeman Jr

present assessors
 Jonathan Doane
 Theophilus Higgin
 Richard Sparrow

present community
 Jonathan Doane
 Theophilus Higgin
 Richard Sparrow
 Thomas Knowles present Clerk

Recorded for Thomas Knowles

a present meeting of the south present in Eastham
 on Monday the 2. of August 1754 at 3 of the Clock in
 a present meeting house in a present
 Day there was votes in a warning to raise money
 to support the preaching of the gospel among us
 and other necessary charges for the year ensuing and also
 to allow the Constables for collecting the present rate
 this year and also to do what shall be proper about
 stating our ministers salary

John Freeman Esqr moderator for a meeting
 then voted to raise one hundred and seventy five
 pounds to support the publick worship of god and other
 necessary charges arising in a present then voted the
 several Constables three pence on the pound for collect-
 ing the present rate this year if said Constables pay

and at the aforesaid meeting in August 11: 1752 the following
a Court was brought in and read and voted viz
we the subscribers being appointed by the south present
in Eastham to audit a Courts with Mr Nathaniel Freeman
present treasure for the year past have accordingly this 24th
day of march 1752 Examined the accounts and find them well
vouched and right Cast and we find in the Treasures hands
seven pounds eleven shillings and four pence and also
there is out standing in the several Constables hands 11
fifty four pounds four teen shillings two pence three
farthings

Sheophilus Higgins
Joseph Smith Jr

Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting in the south present in Eastham on
Monday the twelfth of march 1753 at the north meeting house
we the presents at 3 of the clock in the afternoon there was notes
in so warning to chose a present Clerk and present treasure
and all other present officers as the Law Directs
Mr Joseph Smith Chosen moderator for so meeting

There was then Chosen for present Clerk Thomas Knowles	
Then Chose Deacon John Freeman and Samuel Freeman	present treasure Nathaniel Freeman
to are gr to make up a Court with Mr Nathaniel Freeman	present assessors Jonathan Doane Sheophilus Higgins Richard Sparrow
present treasure	present Constables Jonathan Doane Sheophilus Higgins Richard Sparrow

Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting in the south present in Eastham on Monday
the 13: of August 1753 at the north meeting house we the presents at 3
of the clock on so day there was notes in so warning to raise money
to support the gospel there and also to allow the several constables
for gathering the ^{present} weight last year 88 Mr John Freeman moderator for
so meeting then voted to raise one hundred and sixty pounds one
half to be paid in by the last of December next the other half by the
last of April next then voted and chose for to provide the wood for
Mr Chever Mr Ebenezer Higgins and for Mr Crocker Samuel Higgins Jr
then voted John Doane and James Higgins former Constables three
pence on the pound for gathering there present rate if so Constables
pay in and make up with the present treasure on or before the last of
December next Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present an meeting, ^{the} ~~present~~ ^{presently} ~~women~~ ^{women} who held at the month
meeting house in so pres all on Tuesday the 10th of March 1792 at four
of the clock in the afternoon there was votes in doing to Chime
a present Clerk and a present treasure and all other present officers
for this present year as the laic Directs Deacon John Freeman ⁽¹⁹⁾
Chosen moderator for a meeting then inward Chrys from
~~present~~ ^{present} Clav^r & of homas Howells

for present treasure } Nathaniel Freeman

for present assessors 2 Jonathan Doane
Othman Snow
Theophilus Higgins

Longmeadow Community
 Jonathan Doane
 Thomas Snow
 Theophilus Luzzatto

then voted that Deacon Jonathan Higgins Jr and William Twining
should be a committee to settle bounds between the minster and
and the proprietors in the south part of so present
then voted that voted that Ebenezer Higgins should have 0-4-4
lawful money for his trouble in changing hamphshire
and Connecticut money that was formerly paid for the settle-
ment of a minister in the north parish in so present
then voted that theophilus Higgins and Joseph Smith Jr
should make up a court with matthias firestone Jr present
thereupon then voted to Ebenezer Higgins 2000 for what he
allowed to exchange the a bone money
Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clark

at a present meeting at the South present in Eastham on
Tuesday the 11. of August 1652 There was votes in a warning to raise
money to support the publick worship of god in so present and
all so to do what may be proper in a lowering the constables for
gathering the present rates the last year and to chuse men to
provide fire wood for our ministers this present year
Capt Gafel snow moderator for so meeting there voted to raise
one hundred and fifty pounds one half to be paid in by the
last of Desember next the other half by the last of April next
there voted the seuerall Constables 3 pence on the pound for gathering
the last years present rate if so Constables pay in and make
up with the present treasure on or before the last of Desember
next voted Israel Maye to procure fire wood for Mr. Crane
voted Ebenezer Higgins to provide fire wood for Mr. Chever
Recorded by Thomas Knowles present Clerk

Who was chosen by the people called quakers of our society belonging to our meeting at yarmouth to examine our friend Joshua Hopkins of Exeter concerning of his principles and we the sd John Hilley and Seth Hilley have accordingly examined the sd Joshua in writing and we the sd John Hilley and Seth Hilley who comes and calls ourselves the people called quakers certify that the sd Joshua Hopkins doth owe our principles as is so frequent in our meetings and we except of him at present

John Hilley
Seth Hilley

and at the a fore sd meeting the following account was brought in and read in the meeting and accepted - we the subscribers being there unto appointed by the society present in Exeter to ordain a court with Mr Nathaniel Freeman yr present treasure for two years past have accordingly this 20. Day of march 1750 examined sd account and find them well accounted and write out and we find that he hath paid out one pound sixteen shillings nine pence and three pence lawful money more than he hath received in and we find there is not standing in the several Constables hands eighty three pounds three shillings eight pence and three pence lawful money

Shoofulus Higgins
Richard Sparrow

Recorded by Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting ^{in Easton} lawfully warned one held at the north ^{meeting house} on Monday the 11th of August 1750 at 2 of the clock in the afternoon there was votes in a warning to raise money to pay the ^{De} Mr Joseph Croker and the ^{De} Mr Edward Henry Salvey for the year current and also to raise money to defray other charges arising in so present and also what to allow the Constables the last year for collecting the present rates and also to do what may be thought proper to be done relating Joshua Hopkins present ^{rate} the prebending to be a quaker
Mr Nathaniel Freeman Jr Chosen moderator for so meeting then voted to raise one hundred and forty pounds law-
ful money one half of so money to be paid in to the present treasure by the last of December next the
other half by the last of April next voted the several Constables before mentioned should have two pence on the pound for what was committed to them to collect if
so Constables pay in and make up with the present treasure at or before the last of December next voted
to Joshua Hopkins should not be rated in the present rate this present year by reason of a written brought
and signed by John Cilley and Seth Cilley which is
as followeth

for present assessors { Thomas Snow
Samuel Poore Jr
Theophilus Higgins

for present community { Thomas Snow
Samuel Poore Jr
Theophilus Higgins

Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting in the south present in Easton
lawfully warned one held at the north meeting house in
so present on Monday the 12th Day of August 1751 at 2 of
the clock in the afternoon there was votes in a warning
to raise money to pay the ^{De} Mr Joseph Croker and
the ^{De} Mr Edward Henry Salvey for the year current
and also to raise money to defray other charges arising
in so present and also what to allow the Constables
the last year for collecting the present rates and also
to do what may be thought proper to be done relating
Joshua Hopkins present ^{rate} the prebending to be a quaker
Mr Nathaniel Freeman Jr Chosen moderator for so meeting
then voted to raise one hundred and forty pounds law-
ful money one half of so money to be paid in to the
present treasure by the last of December next the
other half by the last of April next voted the several
Constables before mentioned should have two pence on the
pound for what was committed to them to collect if
so Constables pay in and make up with the present
treasure at or before the last of December next voted
to Joshua Hopkins should not be rated in the present
rate this present year by reason of a written brought
and signed by John Cilley and Seth Cilley which is
as followeth
Yours with the 21st Day of the 11th month 1750,
we John Cilley senior and Seth Cilley both of your service

At a present meeting in Eastham lawfully warned and held
at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 13 of
August 1750 at three of the clock in the afternoon there was
votes in so warning to raise money to support the publick
wishes of god and other necessary charges arising in so present
and also to a law each constable for gathering the present rate
the last year and also to be what is proper a bond for the
highens rate he pretending to be a quaker Samuel Knowles Esq
Chosen moderator for so meeting it was voted to raise one
hundred and thirty pounds lawfull money one half to be paid
in by the last of November next the other half by the last of April
next voted that each constable should have three pence on the
pounds for collecting the present weight the last year if so
constables pay in and what up with the present treasure at once
before the last of December next voted that the orfulus liggers
should be the man to procure wood for Mr Crocker this year
voted that William Knowles should be the man to procure
fire wood for Mr Cheney this present year voted that
the two above so were namely William Knowles and liggers should
give orders to the present treasure for payment of so wood
then a vote was called wheather Goshua liggerses rate
should be a bated or not and it passed in the negative
Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

At a present meeting lawfully warned and held at the
middle meeting house in Eastham on Monday the 31 day of
September 1750 at three of the clock in the afternoon there was
votes in so warning to choose an agent to answer a petition
of Goshua liggers which he gave in to the Court the last
session ^{at said meeting} respecting his present weight Mr James liggers being
Chosen moderator for so meeting and then the meeting was adjourned
for one week and then the meeting went on and a vote was called
wheather they would choose an agent and the vote passed in the
affirmative then the present major choys of Mr James liggers
for an agent to answer the petition of Goshua liggers
respecting his present weight
Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

then the Revd Mr Edward Chivers answer was read
by the moderator and then the moderator called for a
vote whether the present excepted of the Revd Mr Edward
Chivers answer and the vote passed unanimously in the
affirmative. Recorded for Thomas Knowles present Clerk
at a present meeting ^{of the society meeting in} in Eastham lawfully warned and
held at the ~~the~~ south meeting house in so present on
tuesday the 21 of July 1750 there was votes in so warning
to do what is proper in paying the Revd Mr Edward
Chivers his settlement according to a agreement with
part of the money that was raise for that use is
Hampstead and other Chiverss money with will not
answer and also for the present to give what may be thought
= fit proper concerning it and also to do what may be thought
= fit proper in taking of Joshua Heyshams Quits he
professing himself to be a Quaker ~~and~~ and Times
paying of them Samuel Knowles chosen moderator
for a meeting it was then voted that Mr Ebenezer Higgins
should be the man to reserve the three hundred pounds
that is in Deacon Samuel Freeman ^{that is other Chiverss money} hand and send it
to Mr Hampstead and lay out in boards and shingles and such
= R. Lumber as is most beneficial for the present and
also that Mr Samuel Freeman should assist so Higgins
and when so Lumber shall come so Higgins and so
Freeman to Deliver to Mr Chivers so much of so
Lumber ^{as} as needs and to sell the remainder for the
presents use and all so for so Higgins and so Freeman
to purchase so much for Mr Chivers at Mr Hampstead
as he shall order then the moderator called for a vote
whether Joshua Heyshams votes should be abated and the
vote passed in the negative

Recorded for for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

He a hope so Comely Returned and brought the Return
of Edward Cheneys answers and is as followeth
Eastham March 22: 1766 To the south present and to the middle
Church and Society in Eastham hopes and Beliefs — 111
It having pleased god in his Providence a bout three months
ago and after your having had some acquaintance with me and
my ministerial labours a manner you to incline your
Church and Society to give me unanimous invitation to
settle among you in the office of a gospel minister and
for my encouragement there in the present having granted
me a settlement and salary which I hope may be a comfort-
able sufficiency for my support and finding so far as
I can discern that the people have been ever since the
invitation first given me and are still united in their
affection towards me and Desires of my Compliance
with their call: On all which I would humbly Eye-
the hand of ~~god~~ the great Disposer of all things and
at the same time signify to this people the grateful
sense I have of their kindness and benevolent Expressions
and having taken this important matter into consider-
ation as well as asked good advice and I hope sincerely
sought to god for his Counsel bear in that the path
of Duty might be made plain to me and that I might
be inclined to act agreeable thereto and now at length
come to a conclusion to give my answer in the
affirmative and to comply with your Invitation
to settle with you in the service of the gospel minis-
try and to accept of the settlement and salary which
you have provided for me and I ask your prayers
that I may obtain mercy of the Lord to be faithful
and successful in the work to which I am called
and wishing that every thing which respects my
settlement in this place may be conducted by the
infinite and wise Counselor who hath done all things
well and that grace mercy and peace may be multiplied
to you through our Lord Jesus Christ

I subscribe yours in the fellowship of the
gospel —

Edward Chenev

at a present meeting of the South present in Eastham
lawfully warned and held at the middle meeting house in
Eastham on Friday the 23 day of ^{at one of the clock in the afternoon} March 1749/50. There was
notice given in a warning to ^{do what was proper in} mount a salary and settlement to the
Reverend Mr Edward Cherier for his improvement in settling
in the work of the ministry among us in the middle parish
in Eastham Capt Guber more being chosen moderator for ^{the time of his settling in} settling
it was then voted that the Reverend Mr Edward Cherier should
have the same salary yearly and every year so long as he shall
continue in the ~~same~~ work of the ministry among us that the
Reverend Mr ^{Guber} Cherier has then it was voted that the Reverend Mr
Edward Cherier should have upon his settling ~~among us~~
Eight hundred pounds of tithes for his settlement six hundred
and fifty pounds of so money to be paid at the time of his settling
with us into one hundred and fifty pounds to be paid by presentor
next it was then voted that Deacon Samuel Freeman should exchange
the six hundred and fifty pounds settlement that is all ready paid
into our present money according to his best discretion and deliv-
er ^{at the} part to Mr Cherier to exchange if so Mr Cherier will take it
it was then voted that Cornal John Knowles Joseph Doane Esq
Cornal Samuel Knowles Deacon Samuel Freeman Deacon John
Freeman Mr Samuel Bone and Thomas Knowles should be a
committee to inform the Reverend Mr Edward Cherier of what was
voted him for his improvement to settle in the work of the
ministry among us then this meeting adjourned to Thursday next
at 3 of the clock in the afternoon at this place then some thing
being forgot the next of the adjournment of this meeting was resumed
and went on and voted that the Reverend Mr Edward Cherier should
have the improvement of all the ~~in~~ westward plaine lands and
~~land~~ that belongs to the middle parish in Eastham so long
as so Mr Cherier shall continue in the work of the ministry
among us then this meeting adjourned till ~~Thursday~~ next at 3 of
the clock in the afternoon ^{at this place} to receive the a above so committee
report & ~~brother~~ Mr Thomas Knowles present Clerk
on Thursday the 29 of March the present meet at time and place
a bond & and the moderator being not present the present
mod of Deacon John Freeman being chosen moderator
then went on and the moderator called for a vote whether
the present call and with the Church's Cons in choosing the Reverend
Mr Edward Cherier for their pastor and minister and the vote
passed unanimously in the affirmative. There this meeting was
adjourned for one hour for the above so committee to receive
the Reverend Mr Edward Cherier's answer to the call given
him by the Church and present

John Green Clerk

at a present meeting of the south present in Eastham, warmed and
 held at the north meeting house in so present on Thursday the 21st
 day of September 1814, at 3 of the clock in the afternoon
 what may be proper in order to procure the wood for the
 use of the ministry in the north society in so present and also
 to do what might be thought proper with the in and say that
 was made on the ministearl land and meado in the north
 society in so present Deacon Samuel Freeman was chosen moderator
 for the meeting: it was then voted that the ministry should have
 sixteen cords of oak or walnut for wood or twenty cords of pine
 wood for wood cut and corded at the cost of the present, so
 long as the Revue Mr Joseph Crocker shall continue in the
 work of the ministry in the south part of so present
 it was then voted that Mr Edmund Higgins should be the
 man to procure the wood for the ministry in the north society
 this present year: it was then voted that Mrs Webb should have
 that part of the hay that belongs to the ministry
 that grow on the ministearl land in the summer past and a sufficient
 of hay of the ministearl meado for her cow and heffer

Entered for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting of the south present in Eastham warmed
 and held at the north meeting house in so present on Monday the
 twelfth day of March 1815 at 2 of the clock in the after
 noon there was votes given in so morning to choose a present
 Clerk and a present treasure and all other present officers as
 the law directs for the insuing year

present Clerk } Thomas Knowles

present
treasure } Nathaniel Freeman Jr

present
assessors } Thomas Snow
Samuel Bone Jr
Richard Sparrow

present
community } Thomas Snow
Samuel Bone Jr
Richard Sparrow

Entered for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting in the south present in Eastham
lawfully warned and held at the north meeting house in
the present on Thursday Day the 5 Day of June 1749 at one
of the Clock in the afternoon there was votes given in
morning to do what might be thought proper respecting
the present circumstances that the north society on so present
are under relating to Mr. Carpenter settling in the work
of the ministry in so society and also to do what may
be proper as to locating a settlement and salary to
do Mr. Carpenter upon his settling in the work of the
ministry in so society Joseph Dove Esq. was chosen
moderator for so meeting and after some discourse it was
proposed and put to a vote by the moderator whether they
were willing to allow unto Mr. Carpenter the sum that was
formerly voted in this present for the settlement of a
minister in the north part of the south present in Eastham
and to allow him the same yearly salary as is allowed
to the Revd Mr. Joseph Crocker and also the same yearly fee
upon the improvement of the minister of parish land and
meadow allowed to the minister in so north part of so present
During his continuance and performance in the work
of the ministry in so north part of so present and
the above a vote passed in the affirmative

Entered for Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting of the south present in Eastham
lawfully warned and held at the north meeting house in so
present on Monday the 11 Day of September 1749
at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon there was votes given
in and by so warning to do what may be proper as to rais-
ing money on the poles and Estates of the respectable inha-
bitants and others resident in so present to support the
public worship of God and other necessary charges arising
in so present this present year and also to choose a man
or men to procure the wood voted by so present for the use
of the ministry in so present Samuel Knowles chosen
moderator for so meeting it was then voted to give twelve
hundred pounds at least for to support the public worship
of God and other necessary charges in so present it was then
voted that Mr. Nathaniel Freeman should be the man
to procure the fire wood voted by the present for the Revd
Mr. Crocker for this present year

Entered for S. Thomas Knowles present Clerk

② The present would comply with Mr Carpenter's proposals in his answer, or not and the vote passed in the negative. It was then Discussed upon and a vote was taken by the members whether Mr Carpenter should have the six hundred and fifty pounds old tenor that is all ready raised for a settlement ^{minister in the} for the north society and the same salary and privileges that the present Mr Croker has so long as to Mr Carpenter should be capable to perform the work of the ministry and the vote passed in the affirmative there was a Community then Chosen mainly Joseph Dore Esq, Samuel Knowles Deacon Samuel Freeman Capt Gabel Snow and Mr Joseph Smith to go and Discourse with Mr Carpenter and so whether he would comply with what was voted him and the above Community report was that the Mr Carpenter would not fall from any enticel that he had given in his answer.

Entered pr Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at the a house meeting the Community that ^{was} Chosen by the present to audit accounts with Deacon Samuel Freeman present treasure brought in there report as followeth — we the subscribers hereunto ^{being} appointed by the south present of the Sons of Joseph of Eastham, and sent a Community with Mr Samuel Freeman present treasure the year past have accordingly this 10th Day of March 1823's Examined so accounts and find there well worth and right cast one thousand two hundred and twenty five pounds four shillings & old tenor.

and we find there is now out standing in the several Constables hands three hundred ninety three pounds nineteen shillings seven pence old tenor.

and all so we find in a treasure hands the six hundred and fifty pounds old tenor exclusive of any of the above mentioned sums that was raised by a present for a settlement for a minister in the north society in so present.

Gabel Snow
Jonathan Dore

the above account was read and accepted

Entered pr Thomas Knowles present Clerk

at a present meeting in the south present in Eastham worth
on wednes day the thir day of march 1749
According to Law there was notes given in a morning to procure
the answer of the reverend Mr Carpenter who has been called to
the work of the ministry by the north Church in a present
and to consider and act there on what may be thought
proper and Deacon John Freeman was chosen moderator for
a meeting and Mr Carpenters answer was as followeth
to the Church and inhabitants of the middle society in
Eastham hovers and beloved

having some time had under consideration the many
mencionous affare of settling in the ministry among
you I am com to a conclusion to undertake it by Divine
help provided I may be in a capacity to give myself wholly
to it and in order hereunto as I accept the settlement and
salary voted by the present so I would make the following
reasonable proposals next that six cords of pine wood be added
to what is voted that the parsonage lands be mowed and kept
capable of improvement by fencing and repairing of fences
as there may be need that I have the liberty of keeping some
sheep upon the commons as also every mans labour with
his horse and team one Day in a year in such a manner
as you shall agree upon which may be sufficient for my
tilleg and giving the hay and so may help to ballance the great
Charge of building and repairing in this expensive place
provided moreover I can obtain a habitation and place conveni-
ent for my residence and you remain possible and unanimous
as also that if I should be taken away from my family you
engage to purchase my real estate here which I conceive they
must of necessity Dispose of as indifferent Judges may determine
and that you be at the Charge of transporting them and thine
estates to Boston upon such Considerations as the Lord of offer
my self under the grate shewards to the service of your sales
always expecting that you make my interest your care and
that you endeavor to listen my burden intreating that you
ever strive together with me in your prayers to God for
me that I may find mercy of the Lord to be faithful
and that you join your sincerest endeavors with your fervent
prayers that I may not run in vain wither labour in
vain

Eva Carpenter

Eastham Aug 27 1749

As I expect that some setten time be agreed upon and
voted for the payment of the settlement and
salary

and when the above answer was read after some
Discourse a vote was called by the moderator whether

and rise and fall according to the market price of that from that time
for want best what it will higher or lower. The price of corn to be as
the first vessel clears that sails from this Town with a frout of corn after
the first day of november the price of silver to be taken in november also
as the goldsmiths give, the ministers are moreover to have their wood
as here to fore they have had, the Revd Mr Joseph Crocker was present
and consented to the above agreement and vote

Entred for Nathaniel Freeman jr
precinct Clerk

also at the above meeting chose
Col Samuel Knowls Capt Gaber Snow
and Deacon John Freeman to take care at the time that the price
of silver and corn above is to be taken and to determine what
Mr Crockers fallery is according to the above statement
also ^{Deacon} Deacon John Freeman and Deacon Thomas Knowls to procure
the ministers fire wood as obliged to do

also at the afore D precinct meeting on monday 8th day
of august 1748 and continued to 9th concluded
and voted to raise on the poles and Estates of the rateable inhabi-
tants of D precinct and such others as are obliged by law to pay for
the public worship of God in D precinct Eight hundred pounds old
tenour and also then voted to raise on the poles and Estates a lower
sixty pounds more old tenour to defray precinct charges

Entred for Nathaniel Freeman jr
precinct Clerk

on the sixth day of march 1748/9
at a precinct meeting of the 5th precinct in Eastham, warned by
the precinct committee, and there was notice given in and by D warning
that it was to chuse a precinct clerk and all such other precinct officers
as the law directs and also to direct may be thought proper respecting the
raising Joshua Hopkins Rate. He presenting that he is of the quaker persuasion
and also to do what may be thought proper respecting allowing the constables
for gathering the precinct rate this present year and Deacon John Freeman
being chosen moderator for D meeting there was then chosen for precinct
clerk Deacon Thomas Knowls and for precinct Treasurer Nathaniel Freeman
jr and for precinct assessor Deacon John Freeman Mr Gaber Snow
jr and Jonathan Doane. and the same for precinct committee the business
relating to Joshua Hopkins rate was D constituted and directed and it
was then voted that if the saueral constables for the present year shall pay
in the saueral sums set to them to collect unto Nathaniel Freeman jr
precinct Treasurer or his subseffor and also make up with the D Freeman
or his subseffor on or before the sixteenth day of october next then they
shall be paid out of the precinct treasury three pence on the pound
and also voted that Deacon Samuel Freeman keep the six hundred
and fifty pounds paid for the settlement of a minister in the north
parish in D precinct in Richards tell ordered out by D precinct
and also agree and voted the precinct Treasurer should be allowed
three pence on the pound for receiving in and paying out the precinct
rate also appointed Mr Gaber Snow jr and Jonathan Doane to make up
with Deacon Samuel Freeman Treasurer. Entred for Nathaniel Freeman jr precinct Clerk

for the year 1747 shall gather and pay in ~~the~~ ^{the} whole sum of the precinct rate set to them to gather in by the precinct assessors unto Deacon Samuel Freeman precinct treasurer or his successor on or before the last day of november next that then they shall be allowed and paid out of the precinct treasury three pence on the pound in the same tenor as they shall pay in to the treasury Entred pr Nathaniel Freeman jr precinct clerk and also at the afore said precinct meeting on tues day 8th day of march 1747/8 it was voted by the yeatable in habitants of the precinct that the shaker people mentioned in the warrant (for calling a meeting) should beset in the southerly state bil and also to be set in the southerly constables rate bills to be by him gathered as formerly viz as far as the rany be twice the land of carimah smith and the land of william myrick Entred pr Nathaniel Freeman jr precinct clerk and also at the meeting Joseph smith jun and Theophilus praine were appointed to make up and auditate a compts with Deacon Samuel Freeman precinct treasurer

at a precinct meeting of the South precinct in Eastham Legally warned on the monday 16th day of may 1748 and notice being given in and by J^d warning that it was to consider and do what might be thought proper a bout the minesterial land and meadow in the middle so state in Eastham and to chuse a man to take care of it for the use of the precinct and also to do what might be thought proper for finding madam wells her fire wood and Col Samuel Knowles being chosen moderator for the meeting and thome was then chosen by vote of the precinct Samuel Doane jr and Ebenezer Higgins to take care of the minesterial land and meadow and also then voted that madam wells should have the pasturing or grazing of all the minesterial land in the north part of the precinct this spring and summer and also have two cord of wood procured for her at the cost of the precinct Entred pr Nathaniel Freeman jr

Town clerk

at a precinct meeting of the South precinct in Eastham Legally warned on monday the 8th day of august 1748 being given in and by J^d warning that it was to raise money on the polls and Estates of the yeatable in habitants of the precinct and such others as are ~~obliged~~ obliged bylaw to pay to the support of the publick worship of god in the precinct and all other necessary charges relating there to in the precinct and also to chuse two good and trusty men to take care of and seasonably to provide fire wood for the ministers in the precinct as obliged to do. and being assembled at time and place chose Col Samuel Knowles moderator for the meeting and in it being but a thin assembly the meeting was adjourned to monday the twenty second day of august instant at two of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the above adjournment the inhabitants of the precinct assembled at time and place and then on advice and voted that the ministers salaries in this precinct be one hundred and seventy pounds Each so Tenour ~~and~~ Eighty five pound of it be stated on silver at twenty eight shillings it ounce that is to say if silver be twice as much that part of the salary shall be twice as much and accordingly rise and fall with the silver be it what it will. and the other Eighty five of the salary shall be stated on indian corn at seven shillings and six pence a bushel

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~~as are obliged to pay to the publick worship of God in D precinct~~
as are obliged to pay to the publick worship of God in D precinct
three Hundred pounds of tenor for the support of the Reverend
Mr Joseph Croker in the work of the ministry this year com-
mencing from the Sixteenth day of April last past
It was then also concluded and voted to raise three Hundred pounds of
tenor on the poles and Estab^l of the Rateable inhabitants of D precinct
and such others as pay to the publick ^{worship of God} in D precinct for the support of
of the ministry in the north parrich in D precinct for the year curant
commencing from the 28th day of may last past: and then D meeting
was adjourned to monday next the 24th day of August at three o'clock
in the after none, pursuant to the a fore adjournment the inhabitants
of D precinct met at time and place, and it was then concluded and
voted to raise two hundred and forty pounds of tenor on the poles
and Estates of the rateable inhabitants of D precinct and such
others as are obliged to pay to the publick worship of God in D
precinct to procure the ministers fire wood and such other neces-
sary charges as shall arise within D precinct it was also then
concluded and voted by the voteable inhabitants of D precinct
to Raise six hundred and fifty pounds of tenor on the poles and Estates
of the rateable inhabitants of D precinct and such others ^{as are obliged to}
the publick worship of God in D precinct, the one half of all the
a fore sum to be paid in to Deacon Samuel Freeman precinct
Treasurer or his such seffor on or before the last day of November
next and the other half on or before the last day of April next
and Mr Theophilus Paine was then appointed to procure fire wood
for the Reverend Mr Joseph Croker and Deacon Thomas Knapp
to procure fire wood for a minister in the north parrich in D pre-
cinct. Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman jr precinct Clerk

at a precinct meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the South
precinct in Eastham duly qualified and lawfully warned in publick presence
meeting assembled on Tuesday the 8th day of March 1747/8 and there was
notice given in D warning that it was to chuse a precinct clerk, and a precinct
treasurer and all other such precinct officers to serve in D precinct this current
year as the Law directs and also to consider and do what might be thought
proper in respect of Each Constables allowance for gathering the precinct rate
in the year 1747 and also to do what might be thought proper relating to shaker
peoples being set in the Southerly Stables in D precinct as formerly they were
and John Freeman being chosen moderator for D meeting there was then
chosen for precinct clerk Nathaniel Freeman jr and for precinct treasurer
Deacon Samuel Freeman and for precinct assessors John Freeman Jonathan Higgins
and John Doane and precinct committee John Freeman Jonathan Higgins
and John Doane, also at the same meeting voted that if the Constables for

at a precinct meeting ^{of the fourth precinct in Eastham} legally warned on the 24th day of June 1747 and it being inserted in a warning that it was to choose a suitable man or men to seek out for a suitable person to come and preach the word of God to the Church and congregation in the middle part of D Towne in order for a settled ment there in the work of the ministry - and the inhabitants of D precinct being assembled at time and place ^{then} made choice of Mr Samuel Doane for moderator for D meeting and there was then chosen by vote of D precinct Deacon Samuel Freeman Mr Jonathan Doane and Mr Ebenezer Higgens to seek out for a suitable person to come and preach the word of God to D Church and Congregation. as a board
Recorded of Nathaniel Freeman Jr. D precinct Clerk

at a precinct meeting of the fourth precinct in Eastham legally warned on the 17th day of August 1747 and notice being given in and by a warning that it was to consider and do what might be thought proper with respect to raising money to support the publick worship of God in D precinct and other necessary charges arising within the same and also to do what might be thought proper as to raising money for the settlement of a minister in the north side in D precinct and also to make choice of a precinct assessor and committe to serve in the same of Stephen Sparrow and John Freeman being ~~chosen~~ chosen moderator for D meeting and after some discourse it was con. closed and voted by D precinct to charge a committe to discourse with the Reverend Mr Joseph Crocker and to ~~consider~~ consider what the fall of money has been since D Mr Crockers first settling with us in the work of the ministry until now. and to make report to this meeting what they think his salary ought to be this present year to make it as good as it was when he first settled with us. and there was then chosen by vote of D precinct for D Committee Jonathan Doane Theophilus Paine Richard Sparrow Thomas Knowles and Nathaniel Freeman Jr. and Theophilus Paine was also then chosen precinct assessor and precinct committe to serve in the same of Stephen Sparrow and then D meeting was adjourned to Monday the 17th day of this instant August at two of clock in the after noon at the same place. pursuant to the a bove agreement the inhabitants of D precinct met at time and place and the a bove D Committee gave in there report which was as follow-
ers that they had discourse with the Reverend Mr Joseph Crocker and had wayed and considered the fall of money and there judgment was that D Mr Crockers salary for this present year ought to be three hundred and twenty pound old tenor to make it as good as it was when he first settled with us in the work of the ministry and D Mr Crocker being present there was ~~some~~ ^{by order of the} D meeting on the premises and D Mr Crocker proposed that if the precinct would vote three hundred pound ^{and} find him good as before he would be satisfied for that present year. and it was then concluded and voted by D precinct to raise on the poles and Estates of the Rateable inhabitants of D precinct and such others as

⑤ Sixty pound of tenor for his yearly salary and support in the
work of the gospel ministry in the north parish in the south precinct
in Eastham and the vote passed in the affirmative and then a meeting
was adjourned to third Tuesday in November next at twelve o'clock at
noon at the same place

Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman Jr. precinct clerk
pursuant to the above adjournment the inhabitants of D precinct
met at time and place and Mr. Torry not sending in his answer
said meeting was dismissed Entered by Nathaniel Freeman Jr. precinct clerk

Whereas Mr. Josiah Torry has given his answer in the negative relating
to his settling in the work of the ministry in the Second Church in Eastham
wee the Committee of the South precinct in Eastham do here by give notice
and warning to the inhabitants of the South precinct in Eastham to attend
a precinct meeting at the middle meeting house in Eastham on Friday the
28th of this instant at one of the clock in the afternoon then and there
to chuse a man or men to look out for some suitable person to come and
preach the word of God to the North Church in the South precinct in Eastham
Dated November 21st 1746 Jonathan Doane
Richard Sparrow
precinct committee

pursuant to the above said warning the inhabitants of D South
precinct in Eastham assembled and met on the 28th day of November 1746
and Col. John Knowls being chosen moderator for D meeting there was then
chosen by vote of D precinct Deacon Samuel Freeman Ezekiah Doane Esq.
Deacon Thomas Knowls Joshua Knowls and Jonathan Doane to look out
for some suitable person to come and preach the word of God to the North
Church in the South precinct in Eastham a true D
Recorded by me Nathaniel Freeman Jr. precinct clerk

at a precinct meeting March 9th 1746/7 we turned to chuse a precinct
clerk and a precinct Treasurer and all other such precinct officers to serve
in D precinct this current year as the Law directs - also to do what
may be thought proper in respect to the constables allowance for gathering
the precinct rate for the year 46 and Deacon Samuel Freeman
being chosen moderator for D meeting the precinct then made choyce
of Nathaniel Freeman Jr. for precinct clerk and of Deacon Samuel Freeman
for precinct treasurer and then made choyce of Stephen Sparrow
and Richard Sparrow and Jonathan Doane for precinct assessors
and also for precinct committee it was also then resolved by D
precinct that if the constables for the year past 1746 shall gather
and pay in the whole some of the precinct rate set to them to gather
in by the precinct assessors unto Deacon Samuel Freeman precinct trea-
surer or his assessors on or before the last day of November next
that then they shall be allowed and paid out of the precinct treasury four
pence on the pound in the same tenor as they shall pay in to D treasurer
Entered by Nathaniel Freeman Jr. precinct clerk

fire wood and other necessary charges arisin in D precinct also then ~~the~~ voted
that Richard Sparrow and Samuel Doane ~~jur~~ be the men to procure the a bowe
D minsters fire wood for this present yeare then also the Committe appointed
by D precinct to audit accounts with Samuel Freeman precinct treasurer gave
in their report which was as followeth

we the subscribers heere unto being appointed by the fourth precinct in the Town-
ship of Eastham to audit a Compts with mr Samuel Freeman precinct Treasurer
for the time past have according by this fourth day of June 1746
Examined D accounts and find them well vouched and right cast and there is
now remaining in the treasury sixty nine pounds seven shilling and eleven
pence old tenor and we find there is out standing in the several Constables hands
sixty seven pounds six shillings and two pence old tenor John Freeman
Thomas Knowls
the a bowe account was vouted and Excepted

Entred by me Nathaniel Freeman jur precinct Clerk

also vouted at the a bowe D meeting august 4th 1746. that the a fore D
sums of money to be visted for the yeare of D precinct be one half paid
in to Samuel Freeman precinct Treasurer or his Successor in that office
on or before the last day of november next and the other half on or before
the last day of april next

at a precinct meeting of the fourth precinct in Eastham warned by the
precinct Committee on the 23d day of October 1746 and notice being given in
and by D warning that it was to consider and do what might be proper to be done
for a settle ment and salary for the intoragement of mr Josiah Torg in the
work of the ministry in the north parish in D precinct if he might be obtained
to settle in the work of the ministry in D parishes. and Deacon Samuel Freeman
being chosen moderator for D meeting it was then concluded and vouted by D pre-
cinct to allow for the settlement of a minister in the north parish D precinct
lower hundred and fifty pounds old tenor it was then also vouted to allow
the same salary yearly for the minister that shall settle in the north
parish in D precinct as was settled on the reverend Mr Joseph
Crocker. and also the same quantity of fire wood as was vouted for Mr
Crocker. it was then also vouted that a bowe D minister shall have use and
improvement of all the ministeriall lands and meadows laid out in the north part
of D precinct for the use of the ministry after the last day of july next
and also the improvement of one half part of the land called Comptons land
after the 30 last day of july next. it was then proposed to chuse a Committee
to discourse with ~~the~~ D mr Josiah Torg and to let him know what
we had vouted and to know sumthing of his mind concerning a salary
and there was then chosen for D Committee Joseph Doane Esqr. Mr David
Doane Col Samuel Knowls Deacon Thomas Knowls Deacon John Freeman
and Deacon Samuel Freeman and D meeting was continued til their returne
and D Committee being returned made report that they had discoursed with the
D mr Torg and his terms for a yearly salary was two hundred and
fifty or sixty pounds old tenor but that he chiefly insisted on two
hundred and sixty. there was then a voute called for by the moderator
to let whether they would allow to mr Josiah Torg two hundred and

(3) at a precinct meeting of the South precinct in Eastham on the 12th Day of August 1742 Joseph Doane Esqr Chosen moderator for the meeting then voted to raise the sum of two hundred pounds of tenor value for the support of the Reverend Mr Benjamin Webb in the work of the ministry in the precinct for the year curant commencing from the twenty eighth day of May last past and the like sum of two hundred pounds of tenor value for the support of the Reverend Mr Joseph Crocker in the work of the ministry in the precinct the year curant commencing from the sixteenth day of April last past and also then voted to raise eighty lower pounds of tenor value to procure each of the above D ministers fire wood and other necessary charges arising in the precinct also then voted that Deacon Samuel Freeman and Deacon John Freeman be the men to procure the above D ministers fire wood for this present year
Entered for Nathaniel Freeman, Jr Town Clerk

at a precinct meeting of the South precinct in Eastham on the 12th Day of March 1742/6 Jabez Snow Jr Chosen moderator for the meeting then made choice of Nathaniel Freeman Jr for precinct clerk and then made choice of Samuel Freeman for precinct treasurer and then chose for precinct assessors and precinct Committee Richard Sparrow Robert Young and Jonathan Doane also then voted that if the constables for the year ^{last} past shall pay in the whole of the precinct rate committed to them by the precinct assessors to gather in unto Deacon Samuel Freeman precinct Treasurer or his successor and also make up with the D Freeman or his successor on or before the first day of January next that then the D constables shall be allowed and paid out of the precinct treasury fourer pence on the pound in the same tenor as they shall pay in to D treasury
Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman Jr Precinct Clerk

~~at a precinct meeting of the South precinct in Eastham on the 4th Day of August 1746~~
at a precinct meeting of the South precinct in Eastham on the 4th Day of August 1746 ~~was~~ warned to raise money to support the publick worship of God and to procure the ministers fire wood and other necessary charges arising in the precinct ^{this present year} Jonathan Doane Chosen moderator for the meeting then voted to raise the sum of two hundred pounds of tenor value for the support of the Reverend Mr Benjamin Webb in the work of the ministry in the precinct for the year curant commencing from the twenty eighth Day of May last past and the like sum of two hundred pounds of tenor value for the support of the Reverend Mr Joseph Crocker in the work of the ministry in the precinct the year curant commencing from the sixteenth day of April last past and also then voted to raise eighty lower pounds of tenor value to procure each of the above D ministers

at a Town meeting the 12th Day of September 1743 warned for what is hereafter
express Mr James Rogers chosen moderator for sd meeting, then by vote was =
chosen Williamaine Elford & Mr Stephen Sparrow Agents for sd town to agree
with the agents of Haverich about & concerning the estates of any of the inhabitants
of sd Eastham that lay in Haverich, & the estates of any of the inhabitants of Haverich
that lay in Eastham how & to which of sd towns the same shall be Rated by the agreement
of Agents. Entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

at a precinct meeting of the South precinct in Eastham the 13th Day of August
1744 warned to Raise money for the support of the worship of God in sd precinct
Mr Israel Cole chosen moderator for sd meeting, then voted to Raise on the
poles & stakes of the Rateable Inhabitants of sd precinct & such as by the Genl
Consent are to pay to the support of the public worship of God in sd precinct
the sum of one hundred & eighty five pence in old tenore value for the Reverend Mr
Benjamin Webb for his support in the work of the ministry in sd precinct for the year
Commencing from the 28th Day of May last past
and also the sum of one hundred & eighty pence in old tenore value for the support
of the Rev^d Mr Joseph Crocker in the work of the ministry in sd precinct for the year
Commencing from the 16th Day of April last past
and also the sum of one hundred pence in old tenore value for the procuring sd ministers
firewood & other necessary charges arising in sd precinct the year current the one
half of all said sums to be paid in to the collector of sd precinct or his successor in that
office on or before the last Day of November next and the other half there of on or
the last Day of April next, also then voted that Deacon Samuel Freeman be the
man to see Mr Webb's firewood is provided seasonably this year & that Deacon
John Freeman shall be the man to see Mr Crocker's firewood is provided in season
this year. Then also voted that under the needy sum of pence of the above
said Mr Webb there be also raise for him for his further Relief the sum of forty
pence in old tenore value to be paid in one half on or before the last Day of November
next & the other half to be paid in as above said on or before the last Day of April next
to sd collector as above said. Entered by me Joseph Doane precinct Clerk

and then the vote was called for in order for making allowance for the present & future
gathering in the precinct Rates this year but the moderator going away before I knew
the Determination that the vote past for the same & some entered till I spoke with the
moderator to know it was a vote past therefor I determined to me that the vote
is past for the same accordingly entered that the vote past for the same to be made
to sd Constables for collecting the the South precinct Rates this year
Entered by me Joseph Doane Precinct Clerk

at a precinct meeting of the South precinct in Eastham warned by the
precinct Committee to chuse precinct officers and also to consider and do what
might be thought proper in allowing the constables for gathering the precinct
rates and David Joane then chosen moderator for sd meeting then Nathaniel
Freeman, jr chosen precinct Clerk and Samuel Freeman chosen precinct
treasurer then made chice of Robert Young Richard Sparrow and Jacob
Snow jr for precinct assessors and for precinct committee chose Robert
Young and Richard Sparrow and Jacob Snow jr
also then voted that if the constables for the year past shall pay in and
and make in Samuel Freeman precinct treasurer on or before the last Day of
October next they shall be allowed and paid out of the precinct treasury
four pence pr pound in the same tenor as they shall pay in
Entered by me Nathaniel Freeman Jr Town Clerk

2^d An agreed meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham the eight day of November 1742
was to determine the time when the money Rised at a precinct meeting of sd Precinct
should be paid in to the Treasurers of sd Precinct
for the General use of the Precinct. It was then
then at sd meeting viz the 8th of November 1742 that all sd money voted to be
raised at the above sd meeting the second day of August last past shall be one half
thereof be paid in to sd Treasurer on or before the last day of this Instant month
the other half thereof be paid in to sd Treasurer on or before the last day of April
next coming entered by me Joseph Doane precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham the 14 day of March 1742/3
was to choose precinct officers for the ensuing year Capt Samuel Knowles chosen
moderator for sd meeting

then made choice for Precinct clerk Joseph Doane Elgr

then made choice for Precinct Treasurer James Freeman

then made choice for Precinct assessors Lieut John Freeman

Stephen Sparrow & Jonathan Doane

Entered for me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

at a precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham the 16 day of May 1743
was for what is hereafter express Capt Samuel Knowles chosen moderator for
said meeting it was then considered & voted that Nathaniel Gouds just his three Rates
mentioned in his Petition exhibited by his father at the last Court of General Sessions &
the same had in for the County of Barnstable shall be remitted.

entered by me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

also at sd meeting it was voted that William Paine Elgr & Mr John Freeman shall
audit sd Precinct Treasurers acc^{ts} & make Report thereof at sd Precinct next meeting
entered for me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham on the 12th day of August 1743
Capt Samuel Knowles chosen moderator for sd meeting, then voted to raise the sum of
of one hundred & eighty five pounds in old tenne value or in new tenne equivalent for the
support of the Reverend Mr Benjamin Webb in the work of the Ministry in sd Precinct for the
year current commencing from the first day of May last past
and the like sum of one hundred & eighty five pounds old tenne value or an equivalent
in new tenne value for the support of the Rev. Mr Joseph Crocker in the work of the
Ministry in sd Precinct the year current commencing from the first day of April last
past: and also the sum of one hundred & eighty pounds in old tenne value or an equivalent
in new tenne value for the procuring & ministers firewood & other necessary charges arising
in sd Precinct the year current, all which sd sums to be raised on the polls & estates of the Rateable
Inhabitants in sd Precinct in such as by order of the General Court are to pay towards the support
of the public worship of God in sd Precinct & charges of supporting the public worship
also then voted that Deacon Samuel Freeman shall take care that the sd Mr Webb's firewood be
provided in season also voted that Lieut John Freeman shall take care that the sd Mr Crocker's
firewood be provided in season. entered & Recorded by me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk
all which above sd sums to be paid in to the precinct
Treasurer on half on or before the last day of November
next & the other half to be paid in on or before the last
day of April next -

at a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham on the 12th day of March 1743/4
was to choose all precinct officers for the ensuing year David Doane then chosen
moderator for sd meeting then Joseph Doane chosen precinct clerk then James Freeman
chosen precinct Treasurer then chosen for Precinct assessors Stephen Sparrow
Nathaniel Freeman jun^r & Richard Sparrow then chose for precinct committee
Stephen Sparrow Nathaniel Freeman jun^r & Richard Sparrow
Entered Joseph Doane precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the fourth Precinct in Eastham the 16th Day of September 1741⁽²⁰⁾ was ordered to consider & do what might be proper for the support of the ministers of sd Precinct & other necessary charge arising in sd Precinct for the Respecting the Publick worship of God Mr Isaac Cole chosen moderator for sd meeting. it was then considered & concluded to vote to Raise on the poles & estates of the habitable Inhabitants of sd Precinct & such others as by the General Court are ordered to pay to the support of the Publick worship of God in sd Precinct the following sum & that is to say the sum of one hundred & seventy pounds as Bills of Credit or notes for the support of the Rev Mr Benjamin Webb in the work of the ministry this year commencing from the 28th Day of May last past and also the sum of one hundred & seventy pounds of like money for the support of the Rev Mr Joseph Crocker in the work of the ministry this year commencing from the 16th Day of April last past and also forty pounds equally in proportion to procure firewood for each of sd Ministers this year & also for the proportion to procure firewood for each of sd Ministers meeting Houses to be collected & paid in to the treasurer of sd Precinct or his successor as the officers of sd Precinct shall order Entered for me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

at the above sd Meeting Deacon Samuel Freeman was chosen to take care for the procuring Mr Webb firewood seasonably this year & to draw money out of the Precinct treasury to procure the same.

at the above sd Meeting William Paine Esqr was chosen to take care for the procuring of Mr Crocker firewood seasonably this year to draw money out of the Precinct treasury to procure the same.
Entered for me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the fourth Precinct in Eastham the 10th Day of March 1741/2 was ordered to chuse Precinct officers for the ensuing year. Isaac Cole chosen moderator for sd meeting Joseph Doane was chosen Precinct clerk Saml Freeman junr was chosen Precinct treasurer then Isaac Cole Stephen Sparrow & Jonathan Doane were chosen Precinct assessors then Isaac Cole Stephen Sparrow & Jonathan Doane was chosen Precinct committee.
Entered for me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the fourth Precinct in Eastham the 21st Day of August 1742 was ordered to attend what is here after expressed William Paine Esqr chosen moderator for sd meeting then voted to Raise one hundred & seventy pounds or an equivalent thereto in lawfull money for the support of the Rev Mr Benjamin Webb in the work of the ministry in sd Precinct the year current commencing from the 28th Day of May last past & also the like sum of one hundred & seventy pounds or an equivalent thereto in lawfull money for the support of the Rev Mr Joseph Crocker in the work of the ministry in sd Precinct the year current commencing from the 16th Day of April last past and also the sum of fifty pounds or an equivalent thereto in lawfull money to procure firewood in equal proportion for the above sd Ministers and the above sd Mr Crocker the year current & also the sum of forty pounds or an equivalent thereto in lawfull money to pay for proportioning & Repairing the two meeting Houses in sd Precinct & other necessary charges in sd Precinct for the year current all which sum is to be paid on the poles & estates of the habitable Inhabitants of sd Precinct & such others as by the order of the General Court are so pay to wards the support of the publick worship of God in sd Precinct also then made choyce of Deacon Samuel Freeman to procure Mr Webb's firewood seasonably this year also then made choyce of William Paine Esqr to procure sd Mr Crocker's firewood seasonably this year
Entered for me Joseph Doane Precinct treasurer

① At a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham the 19th Day of November 1740 were to chuse a Precinct Treasurer to supply the vacancy made by the Death of Mr Edward Knowles late Precinct Treasurer then made Choyce of Samuel Freeman jun for Precinct Treasurer then also made Choyce of Samuel Freeman & Israel Cole for over & against former Treasurers accounts & to make Report there of also that Samuel Freeman is to take care that Mr Webb hath the Remainder of his fire wood procured for the year Capt Samuel Knowles being first chosen moderator for said meeting. entered by me Joseph Dorne Precinct Clerk

At a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham the 25th Day of March 1741 were to chuse Precinct officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs & also to Receive the Committees Report that was appointed to make up accounts with the Executor of Mr Edward Knowles Precinct Treasurer late Deceased also to appoint two suitable persons men to procure firewood for the Rev Mr Benjamin Webb & the Rev Mr Joseph Crocker the ensuing year the Inhabitants of said Precinct then present made choyce of Capt Samuel Knowles moderator for said meeting: then at said meeting for precinct officers for the ensuing year was chosen for Precinct Clerk was chosen Joseph Dorne

for Precinct Treasurer was chosen Samuel Freeman jun
for Precinct Assessors was chosen Israel Cole & Stephen Sparrow

for Precinct Committee was chosen Israel Cole & Stephen Sparrow
entered by me Joseph Dorne Precinct Clerk

then at the said Precinct meeting above said was chosen to procure firewood for the Rev Mr Benjamin Webb for the ensuing year seasonably
and also to procure firewood for the Rev Mr Joseph Crocker the ensuing year seasonably was then chosen pursuant to agreement made by said Precinct was chosen

At the above said Precinct meeting viz, March 25th 1741
then made choyce of Mr Samuel Freeman jun to provide firewood for the Rev Mr Benjamin Webb for the ensuing year seasonably pursuant to the agreement made by said Precinct & to draw money out of said Precincts Treasury to provide the same
Then also at said meeting made choyce of William Paine Esq to provide firewood for the Rev Mr Joseph Crocker for the ensuing year seasonably pursuant to the agreement made by said Precinct & to draw money out of said Precincts Treasury for the same
entered by me Joseph Dorne Precinct Clerk

At a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham March 25th 1741 then Received the Report of Samuel Freeman jun & Israel Cole who were the Committee chosen for that Service Relating to their Auditing the accounts of Edward Knowles late Precinct Treasurer Deceased who Reported that with Thomas Knowles Executor to the last will & Testament of the said late Treasurer on the first Day of December 1740 they examined the accounts and finding them Right and well voucht found that there is one hundred and fifteen pounds five shillings & nine pence more than the said Treasurer had Received of the Town & there is five hundred & one pence six shillings & six pence out standing in the several Constables hands not yet paid in to said Treasury
which Returns of said Committee was then at said meeting read excepted
entered by me Joseph Dorne Precinct Clerk

Eastham July the 12th 1740

Then Eliza young of Eastham in the County of Barnstable Skipper or master of a porpoise voyage in the employ of one of the associates of William Pine of Eastham Esq^r. he the sd Eliza young delivered to me Joseph Doane town clerk of sd town of Eastham the middle part of tails of 79 Porpoises tails taken by him & his company in their porpoise voyage which were accordingly burnt & consumed by me Joseph Doane town clerk and on August the 9th 1740 then he the sd Skipper Eliza young then delivered to me Joseph Doane town clerk 46 middle part of the tails of porpoises which were accordingly burnt & consumed by me Joseph Doane town clerk and on August 22nd 1740 then he the sd Skipper Eliza young delivered to me Joseph Doane town clerk 43 middle part of porpoises tails which were accordingly burnt & consumed by me Joseph Doane town clerk October 28th 1740 then he the sd Skipper Eliza young delivered to me Joseph Doane town clerk 23 middle part of porpoises tails which were accordingly burnt & consumed by me Joseph Doane town clerk to all which sd young gave oath

at Eastham the 10th Day of April 1741.

Then Jabez Knowlton & Thomas Higgins both of Eastham in the County of Barnstable Skipper or Masters of a Porpoise voyage in the employ of William Pine Esq^r two of sd Pines associates delivered unto me Joseph Doane town clerk of sd town of Eastham the middle part of three hundred & 9 porpoise tails by them taken on their Porpoise voyage which sd tails were burnt & consumed by me Joseph Doane town clerk and then at the same time the sd Jabez Knowlton & Thomas Higgins both gave their oaths that sd Porpoise tails were taken from the porpoises by them & their company on a Porpoise voyage in sd Pines Impton the second day of December last 1740 & since entered by me Joseph Doane town clerk to all which sd Knowlton & Higgins gave their oaths

Eastham July 24th 1740

Then Joshua Knowlton of Eastham in the County of Barnstable Skipper or master of a Porpoise voyage in the employ of William Pine one of his associates he the said Joshua Knowlton delivered to me Joseph Doane town clerk of sd town of Eastham the middle part of the tails of 60 Porpoises tails taken by him & his company in their porpoise voyage which were accordingly burnt & consumed by me Joseph Doane town clerk September 27th 1740 then he the sd Skipper Joshua Knowlton delivered to me Joseph Doane town clerk 99 middle part of the tails of porpoises which were by me burnt & consumed December 1st 1740 then sd Skipper Joshua Knowlton delivered to me Joseph Doane town clerk 17 middle part of the tails of porpoises which were by me burnt & consumed to all which sd Knowlton gave oath

November 24th 1740 Then Isaac Mayo of Eastham in the County of Barnstable

Skipper of a Porpoise voyage in the employ of William Pine of Eastham Esq^r one of sd Pines associates he the sd Isaac Mayo then delivered to me Joseph Doane town clerk of sd town of Eastham the middle part of the tails of 12 Porpoises tails taken by him & his company in their porpoise voyage which were accordingly burnt & consumed by me Joseph Doane town clerk to all which sd Mayo gave oath

March the tenth 1739/40
At a Precinct meeting of the south Precinct in Eppham warned as the
law directs to chuse Precinct officers as the law directs for the ensuing year the
Edward Knowles was then chosen moderator for said meeting and then was chosen
Precinct officers as follows for the ensuing year
Joseph Doane Precinct clerk: Edward Knowles Precinct treasurer:
Israel Cole Stephen Sparrow & Jonathan Doane Precinct officers.

Israel Cole Stephen Sparrow & Jonathan Doane Precinct Committee
Entered by me Joseph Doane Precinct Clerk
at a Precinct meeting of the south Precinct in Eppham the tenth day of
March 1739/40 inserted in the warrant for calling a meeting for said precinct
to do what is proper to enable the said Mr Joseph Crocker with money out of the
said Precinct treasury to recover the possession of the mineral lands voted for
his improvement out of the possession of Mr Samuel Olburn. There it meeting made
choyse of Edward Knowles moderator for said meeting. and there entered upon the consider-
ation of the premises and then it was proposed to consideration that the Reverend Mr Joseph
Crocker Pastor & Minister of the south Church & Congregation in the south Precinct in
Eppham to enable him in the Law to Eject Mr Samuel Olburn out of the possession of
all the mineral lands in the southerly part of the south Precinct in Eppham that the
said Mr Olburn during the time his late continuance in the work of the Ministry there had
the improvement of & keep the possession of that he the said Mr Crocker be enabled with
money so far as is necessary needfull out of said Precinct treasury that so the said Mr Crocker
may obtain the possession and improvement of the same pursuant to the agreement made
with him by said Precinct.

Secondly that in order to the proceeding in the premises the Precinct make choyse of a
suitable person to assist the said Mr Crocker with advice in the proceedings of that affair so
as may be most likely to effect the desired end.
Thirdly that the Precinct Clerk be ordered & directed to give out to said Mr Crocker on his
order all such Cops of Records as shall be thought needfull about the premises that
join the whole affair that the said Mr Crocker may be as little incumbered about the premises
as possible may be the above written being several times read & considered the moderator
then called for a vote upon the whole & the vote passed in the affirmative and then Cops
of William Doane was nominated & voted to be gift out as above said. the premises being
voted is accordingly Recorded by me Joseph Doane Precinct Clerk

At a Precinct meeting of the south Precinct in Eppham the fifteenth day
of September 1740 warned to consider & Raise money for the support of
said Precinct ministers for the ensuing year & other necessary charges arising in
said Precinct Decision Edward Knowles chosen moderator for said meeting.
Then concluded & voted to raise on the Dols & estates of the Rateable
Inhabitants of said Precinct & such others as by the General Court are order-
ed to pay to the Publick support of the Publick worship in said Precinct the fol-
lowing sums: That is to say the sum of one hundred & seventy pounds for
the support of the Reverend Mr Benjamin Webb in the work of the Ministry
this year Commencing the 28th day of May last past. and also one
hundred & seventy pounds for the support of the Reverend Mr Joseph Crocker
in the work of the Ministry Commencing the 16th day of April last past
and also the sum of forty pounds to procure firewood for said Precinct
Ministers this year according to the engagement to be drawn out for
for that use: & also the sum of twenty pounds for shipping & Receiving
the meeting Houses in said Precinct this year & other necessary charges arising in
said Precinct: and to be paid in as by the assessors order and that. and that Mr
Edward Knowles is made choyse of to procure said Mr Webb's firewood this year
according to the former vote & act of said Precinct: and that William Doane Esq:
former vote & act of said Precinct & they respectively to draw out of the Precinct
Treasury twenty pounds each each for that use.

Being voted is accordingly Recorded by me Joseph Doane
Precinct Clerk

3 and lastly that which I remain your minister besides the improvement of all the min-
isterial lands & meadows or sedge ground laid out for the use of the ministry in the parish
part of your Precinct, besides the use & improvement of this, I expect that you
will yearly & every year find cut & cart to my door a sufficient quantity of wood
for my own & for my family yearly use.
If these terms can be fully & freely voted & complied with I accept of your call
In witness whereof I subscribe hereunto
Joseph Crocker

Dated Eggham August 14th 1739

all which articles terms & conditions at sd Meeting was Read considered & weighed and
then unanimously concluded & voted in every particular excepting only that particular
Relating to firewood, which particular was then voted & concluded in that that sd Precinct
during Mr Joseph Crocker's Continuance in the work of the ministry in sd Precinct will year-
ly & every year find cut & cart to Mr Joseph Crocker's house for his use sixteen cords of
oak firewood or twenty cords of pine firewood at the cost & charge of sd Precinct and
that Mr William Perine is chosen & appointed to take care that sd firewood is accordingly
provided for sd Mr Crocker this year.

all the above written at the above sd Meeting being well considered & then
voted is according entered & Recorded by me
Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

also at the above sd Precinct meeting viz, August 14: 1739 then also voted
that sd Precinct during the Continuance of the Revd Mr Benjamin Webb in the
work of the ministry in sd Precinct will yearly & every year at the cost & charge of
sd Precinct find cut & cart to sd Mr Benjamin Webb's house for his use
sixteen cords of oak firewood or twenty cords of pine firewood and that Deacon
Edward Howards is chosen & appointed to take care that sd firewood is accordingly pro-
vided for sd Mr Webb this year voted & Recorded by me Joseph Doane
Precinct clerk

then also at the above sd Precinct meeting viz, August 14th 1739 voted and
determined to Raise on the Poles & estates of the Rateable Inhabitants of the said Precinct
in Eggham & such others as are to pay towards the support of the Publick worship of God in
sd Precinct the sum of one hundred & seventy pounds for the support of the Revd Mr
Benjamin Webb in the work of the ministry the ensuing year.
and also the sum of one hundred & seventy pounds for the support of Mr Joseph
Crocker in the work of the ministry the ensuing year.
and also forty pounds more to procure firewood for sd ministers the year ensuing
and also three hundred & fifty pounds for sd Mr Joseph Crocker's settlement as proposed
and also thirty pounds more for Repairing & supplying the Meeting house in sd Precinct
the whole amounting to seven hundred & sixty pounds one half thereof to be paid in
half year before the last day of November next coming & the other
being voted is accordingly entered & Recorded by me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

⑤ At a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham the 16th day of April 1739 at the first the South meeting house in sd Precinct was called for Considerations hereafter expressed -
 Edward Knowles chosen moderator for sd meeting.
 It was then considered that whereas sd South Precinct in Eastham had built a meeting house and better to had supported their townministers in a General way the money for defraying the charge thereof being raised on the whole Precinct & paid out of the Precinct treasury equal to each parish, & have proceeded in that way very unanimously & whereas of late there has been considerable money raised & paid out of the Precinct treasury for enlarging & repairing the South meeting house in sd Precinct & also more money has been paid for the support of a minister in the South Parish than has been paid for the support of the minister in the North Parish in sd Precinct & there is likely also to be a considerable sum raised for the settlement of a minister in sd South Parish they being now desirous of a settled minister & to the end that the whole Precinct may proceed unanimously in defraying the charge that may arise it was voted that the Precinct treasury be directed to keep an exact & separate account of all the money that is or shall be paid out of the treasury for & towards the support of the Publick charge worship of God in each Parish to the end that whenever sd Precinct shall be divided & made in to two Precincts it may be seen & known how much has been drawn out of sd treasury for the use of each Parish and it is now accordingly agreed & voted that when ever sd Precinct may be divided & made in to two Precincts it may be seen & known which Parish has Received the most money of sd treasury that then sd Parish that has Received the most money out of sd treasury shall Refund & pay back to the other Parish so much as shall make a balance of the accounts kept by sd treasurer of what each Parish has Received or drawn out of the treasury the above writing being several times read & considered the vote for passing the same was called for by the moderator & passed unanimously In the affirmative
 Entered by me Joseph Doane Precinct Clerk

At a Precinct Meeting (warned as the Law directs) of the South Precinct in Eastham on the fourteenth day of August Anno Domini 1739 at the South meeting house in sd Precinct at one of the clocks in the afternoon notice being first given the Notification or warrant for calling sd meeting to Consider & determine how much money to Raise on the Poles & estates of the Inhabitable Inhabitants of sd Precinct and others there to belonging for the support of the ministers that Preach the word of God in the Publick meeting Houses in sd Precinct for the year ensuing & also what shall be thought further needful for the support of other necessary charges in sd Precinct that may or shall arise there in the ensuing year as also to Receive Mr Joseph Crocker answer to the call given to him by the church & Precinct to the work of the Ministry in sd Precinct & his proposals Relating thereto & accordingly to act there on &c.
 and sd Precinct being assembled at time & place of sd made choice of Deacon Edward Knowles Moderator for sd meeting. then Received Mr Joseph Crocker answer & proposals in the words following viz the Inhabitants of the South Precinct in Eastham Greeting whereas you did on the sixteenth day of April last past please to give me the subscribers a full call to the honorable work of the Gospel ministry among you & sd then signifyed unto me by a Committee of Joseph Doane Esqr Deacon Jonathan Higgins Esqr Capt Samuel Knowles Mr William Davis Mr John Freeman & Mr Gideon Cole - the same I certify you, that I do accept of the your call to that work on the terms and Conditions following -
 1st I accept of the salary voted for my yearly support in the ministry (which is to be equal to the Rev Mr Webb) which was in the year 1737 seventy pounds (the year past) but having as yet had no Experience in those things & supposing this to be little as it will do I expect you will not let it sink in value but will make such further Addition to it as your abilities will admit of, and my Necessaries shall hereafter Require -
 2^d I accept of the settlement voted for my settlement viz that for my settlement there should be a suitable Dwelling House built on a parcel of land procured to set a house procured for the settlement either of Mr Osborn or Mr Webb supposing you intend that to be given to me & my heirs and assigns for ever I accept this, unless Providence should be willing to let me have the value of what you have voted me in money.

at a Precinct meeting of the inhabitants of the South Precinct in Eastham on the
sixteenth day of April anno Domini 1739 at the South meeting House in said Precinct
notice was given fifteen days before a meeting for the inhabitants of
said Precinct to be qualified as the Law directs to attend a Precinct meeting at said
South meeting House on Monday the sixteenth day of April 1739 at one of the
clock in the afternoon & these qualified inhabitants of said Precinct being as aforesaid
at time & place aforesaid: (notice given in the morning for said meeting for Consider
and do what might be needful for said Precincts Concerning with the charge Church
Before had made of Mr Joseph Crocker for their Pastor & minister as also to do what
might be needful in order for Mr Joseph Crocker's support to settle him in the work
of the ministry &c. & then the choice of Deacon David Knowles Moderator
at said meeting and then the consideration of the Premises being a very
free meeting and in the first place it was by said qualified voters unanimously declared
that they did fully comply with the Request of the venerable Council given in the
30th day of June last past 1738 & also the Request of the venerable Council given in
the 27th day of October 1738 & also then declared their full Concurrence with the churches
dismissing of Mr Samuel Osborn from his Pastoral Relation to said Church pursuant to
the advice of said venerable Council & also declared that they did not
account or look on Mr Osborn as a minister in said Precinct & nor was obliged to support
him as a minister & this was what they meant to declare also when at the Precinct meeting
the sixth day of January last past when they voted him the said Mr Osborn to have
his salary paid him till the time the church dismissed him from his pastoral Relation to them which
was the 10th day of November 1738 and no longer the premises being several times read &
considered the Moderator called for them the vote thereon & the vote then passed unanimously
in the affirmative entered by me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk
Then nextly the Moderator called on the notable inhabitants of said Precinct in due order
to manifest their Concurrence of the churches choice of Mr Joseph Crocker to be their
Pastor & minister & they there upon unanimously voted their Concurrence with the churches
choice
Then nextly the Moderator called upon the consideration of said Mr Joseph Crocker's settlement
and support in the work of the ministry if he might be prevailed with to settle in said work of
the ministry and then it was proposed to consideration that if the worthy Mr Joseph Crocker
could be prevailed with to settle in the work of the ministry with the South Church & congregation
in the South Precinct in Eastham that then the Church charge these of God back the cost and
charge of the whole Precinct in Eastham & elsewhere as by order of General Court are obliged
to contribute to the support of the Publick worship of God in said South Precinct in Eastham &
that in order for said Mr Joseph Crocker's settlement there shall be a suitable Dwelling House
and such a parcel of land procured to set said house on in some convenient place for the settle-
ment either of Mr Osborn or Mr Joseph Crocker as was first proposed for the settle-
ment for his own and that the said Mr Joseph Crocker during the time of his continuance in the
work of the ministry in said Precinct as aforesaid shall have the use & improvement of all the
ministerial lands & meadows or sage ground laid out for the use of the ministry in the South Precinct
part of said Precinct during the term of one only allowing Mr Osborn liberty to take off his
English Corn next harvest that is now growing on some part of said ministerial lands & also
that the said Joseph Crocker yearly support or salary for his support in the work of the
ministry shall be yearly & every year in full & equal to the yearly salary he support
of the Rev Mr Benjamin Webb in the work of the ministry in said Precinct the above written
being several times read & considered the Moderator then in said meeting called upon the
precinct inhabitants that if it was their minds to vote the above consideration & propositions
they would manifest it by their assent & the vote passed fully in the affirmative
Entered by me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

The also voted that Deacon Jonathan Higgins Capt Samuel Knowles Mr
William Paine Mr John Freeman Joseph Doane Elgar & Mr Isaac
Cole be a Committee to inform Mr Joseph Crocker what the Precinct
at the aforesaid meeting had acted & done Relating to the premises & to signify to him
the fullness to the work of the ministry Entered by me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

Then also voted that Deacon Jonathan Higgins Capt Samuel Knowles & Mr William Paine
should go to Mr Samuel Osborn & desire him to yield up the ministerial lands & meadows which
he had taken off his English Corn next harvest & that Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

(32) at a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eupham the 31 day of October 1738
warned by order of sd Precinct Committee to consider to what men be proper
towards the supplying the pulpit of the South precinct with a minister to preach the
Gospel there Capt Samuel Knowles chosen moderator for sd meeting then voted
that Joseph Doane Timothy Cole & Richard Smith should take care that the pulpit
of the South meeting House in sd precinct be supplied with a minister to preach
the word of God the s^cill under order entered for me Joseph Doane Precinct
clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eupham the first day of
January 1738/9 warned as the Law directs to consider & conclude whether or not
to pay Mr Samuel Osborn any salary after the 27th day of June last past
being the time he was by the Council suspended from preaching until the time
he was dismist from his Pastoral Relation to the South Church in sd Precinct which
was the 2nd day of November last past also to consider whether any thing
is due to him sd Mr Osborn. Relating to the fencing the land given by Mr
Kempston to the church &c. Mr Edward Knowles chosen moderator for sd meeting
then considered & concluded & voted that the sd Mr Samuel Osborn be allowed pay
out of the Precinct treasury his salary proportionably as above for the year past
until the time he was dismist from his Pastoral Relation to sd church which was the
20th day of November last past & no longer time after that
The vote being called for Relating to the fencing of sd land given to the church by
Mr Kempston the same negative no vote obtained for that particular
Entered for me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eupham the 14 day of March 1738/9
warned to chuse Precinct officers for the ensuing year Edward Knowles chosen moderator
for sd meeting then chose for Precinct clerk Joseph Doane
for Precinct Treasurer chose David Knowles
for Precinct assessors John Freeman Israel Cole Jonathan Doane
for Precinct Committee John Freeman Israel Cole & Jonathan Doane
entered for me Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

at a precinct meeting of the south precinct in Eastham the 15th day of May 1738 ^{numbered} (2)
to consider & do what might be proper in order for pleasing under the galleries of the
of the north meeting house in sd precinct Capt Samuel Knowls chosen moderator for sd
meeting then voted that the galleries under sd meeting house sh^d be st^d & that
Capt John Knowls & Samuel Freeman sh^d be a committee to censure & work & to draw
out of sd precinct treasury money to pay for the same & that the precinct officers make
a Rate for so much money to be again returned in to sd treasury voted to be read
entered me me Joseph Doane precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the south Precinct in Eastham on the 11th day
of August 1738 ^{numbered} (3) to order the raising of money for the support of the
ministry of sd Precinct & other necessary charges of sd precinct Capt John Knowls
chosen moderator for sd meeting then concluded & voted to raise the sum of
four hundred pounds on the poles & estates of the habitable inhabitants of sd Precinct
others as are obliged to pay towards the support of the ministry & other Precinct charges in
sd Precinct, one hundred & seventy pounds there of for the support of the Rev Mr
Benjamin Webb in the work of the ministry for the year ensuing, and the like sum
of one hundred & seventy pounds there of for the support & charge of such Minister
or Ministers as do & shall preach the word of God to or for the south Congregation
in the south meeting House in sd Precinct for the year ensuing & the other and
Remaining part of said sum to be to & for the defraying the necessary charges
arising in sd precinct, one half of sd sum to be paid in to the treasury of sd precinct
on or before the 1st day of November next & the other half on or before the 1st day
of April next all which was considered & voted at sd meeting
entered for me Joseph Doane Proprietors' Clerk

at a Precinct Meeting of the south precinct in Eastham on the 17th day of
October 1738 ^{numbered} (4) by order of the Precinct Committee then & there to consider
and do what is proper in ordering money to be drawn out of sd precinct treasury
to pay Mr Rowland Gatchers for the services he hath done & has yet to do until the
time expires that the Council ordered our pulpits in sd precinct sh^d be supplied for
his preaching the word of God by us & also to pay Mr William Paines charge
of entertaining of him ^{for his support} Nathaniel Freeman for chosen moderator for sd
Meeting then at sd meeting voted that the sum of thirty four pounds be drawn
out of sd precinct treasury by Deacon Jonathan Higgins & Deacon Joseph
Doane & by them paid unto Mr Rowland Gatcher for his supporting the pulpit
in the south meeting house in sd precinct in preaching the word of God the term
by the Councils advice in their Report, viz, seventeen sabbath days.
also then voted that Mr William Paine draw out of sd precinct treasury the
sum of eight pounds & four shillings to pay him for his entertaining of sd Mr
Gatcher & other Ministers in sd term. then the whole was voted to be Recorded
and is accordingly Recorded, by me Joseph Doane Precinct Clerk

For enlarging Repairing or plastering under the galleries of the North Meeting house in sd precinct
then sd Meeting was adjourned to Monday next to the South Meeting house in sd precinct
to three o'clock in the afternoon

On Monday the 16th of May being the time & place sd Meeting was adjourned to in order to
Receive the Committee's Report Relating to the former Committee's Repairing & enlarging
the South Meeting house in the South precinct in sd Town of Engham which Report was then
Read & voted excepted

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at a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Engham the 22nd Day of
August 1737 voted to consider & do what might be proper for raising
money sufficient for the support of the Ministers in sd Precinct for the ensu-
ing year and defraying the necessary charges arising in the sd Precinct
Edward Knowles Chosen Moderator for sd Meeting and then determined and
voted to Raise three hundred & thirty pounds on the poles & estates of the
Rateable Inhabitants of sd Precinct & such others as are obliged to pay to the support
of the publick worship in sd precinct one hundred & fifty pounds thereof for
the support of the Reverend Mr Jamiel Cotton for the ensuing year in the work
and one hundred & fifty pounds thereof for the support of the Reverend Mr
Benjamin Webb for the ensuing year & the other thirty pound for the necessary
charges arising in sd precinct & that the assessors of sd precinct as soon
as may be make a Rate for the same as the last directs ordering one half
thereof to be paid in to the Treasurer of sd Precinct at or before the last day
of November next & the other half on or before the last day of April next
for the ends above sd

Entered for Joseph Doane Precinct Clerk

the 13th of August 1737/8

Engham to charge all precinct officers for
Chosen moderator for sd Meeting in then

at a precinct meeting of the South precinct of
the year ensuing then se. Edward Knowles
for precinct officers for the following year
for a clerk who chosen Joseph Doane
for a Treasurer who chosen

for Treasurer Chosen Edward Knowles

for assessors Jamiel Doane junr John Freeman
Jamuel Freeman junr

for Committee Jamuel Doane junr John Freeman
Jamuel Freeman junr

at a Precinct Meeting of the South precinct in Exgham the 16th day of = (10)
July 1736 to Raise money to Raise money for the support of sd Precinct ministers
and defraying the necessary charges arising in sd Precinct Relating to public concerns
the Public worship of God &c. voted to Raise three hundred pounds on the rates &
estates of the Rateable Inhabitants of sd Precinct & such as do by law pay for public
worship in sd precinct to be for the support of Mr Osborn & Mr Webb in equal
proportion in the work of the Ministry for the year ensuing one half to be paid
in to the treasurer of sd Precinct or his successor on or before the last day of November
next & the other half on or before the last day of April next also voted to Raise
twenty pounds more to be paid in as aforesaid for the necessary charges arising
arising in sd Precinct Relating to supplying the meeting houses &c. also voted
to Raise thirty pounds more as aforesaid to be paid in as aforesaid to pay the charges
of plastering under the galleries of sd two meeting houses also voted the same
committee that set to seal the Keys in the South meeting house to set to seal the
place for a person at the head of the mens stairs & at the head of the womens stairs
on Friday next to the highest bidders also voted that Mr Israel Cole provide some
suitable person to sweep & look after sd South meeting house.

Entered for me Joseph Doane precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Exgham wanted to chuse precinct
officers for the year ensuing on the seventh day of March 1736/7 & to do what might
be proper to order a suitable person to take care of & sweep the South meeting house
in sd precinct Edward Knowles chose Moderator for sd meeting
then made choice of Joseph Doane for Precinct clerk

then made choice of Edward Knowles for Precinct treasurer

then made choice of John Freeman, Samuel Freeman jun^r and
Samuel Freeman jun^r Doane jun^r for Precinct assessors

then made choice of John Freeman, Samuel Freeman jun^r and
Samuel Doane jun^r for Precinct committee

and then also at sd meeting voted that Samuel Higgins jun^r sh^d be paid
out of the Precinct treasury forty shilling to take care of & sweep the South meeting
house with all the outsons thereto belonging for the space of one year from the time
he first began to be under order. Entered for Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Exgham the 9th day of May 1737 wanted to
chuse a committee to settle accounts with the committee appointed to carry on the work of enlarging
and Repairing the South meeting house in Exgham and also to draw money out of the precinct
treasury to defray the charge of that work if there be any not paid & also what is proper for
to be done towards the finishing the charge of that work sd house & plastering under the galleries
of both meeting houses in sd precinct then the Precinct Inhabitants being assembled chose Mr
William Paine Moderator for sd meeting and then made choice of Captain John Knowles
and Captain Samuel Knowles to be a committee to audit & settle accounts with the former
committee appointed to carry on the work of enlarging & Repairing sd South meeting house and that
the committee now chosen make Report at the adjournment of this meeting of that matter & that
also voted that the former committee sh^d be paid out of the precinct treasury sufficient to pay the
to be done for calling & finishing of sd South meeting house & sd Precinct only if any persons
persons will appear & build up seats at their own cost & charge in the new vacant Room in the
galleries of sd meeting house Not already disposed off they shall have the liberty to do so the also
voted that sd former committee shall draw money out of sd Precinct treasury sufficient to pay the
Reasonable charge & cost of what may be yet behind for what has been already done in enlarging and
Repairing sd meeting house &c. but sd committee are not under directed to do Relating to that matter as to
performing & calling & finishing of sd South meeting house &c. shall be drawn by sd committee out of sd Precinct treasury for the
uses aforesaid the same sum shall be drawn out of sd Precinct treasury when there shall be occasion for it.

① At a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham warned as the Law
 choice of Precinct officers for the year ensuing Edward Knowles chosen
 Moderator for d meeting then Joseph Doane chosen precinct clerk then
 Edward Knowles chosen precinct treasurer then Israel Cole John Higgins jun
 and Samuel Doane jun chosen precinct assessors then also Israel Cole
 Joshua Higgins & Samuel Doane jun chosen precinct committee
 entered for Joseph Doane proprietors Clerk

At a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham warned as the Law
 Directs to assemble at the South meeting house on d Precinct in d town
 the 22nd day of March 1735/6 to consider & do what might be proper
 to do in granting or giving leave to a suitable number of the inhabitants
 of d precinct to enlarge the back side of d meeting house on their own cost & charge
 they having the benefit of the room to themselves they to enlarge
 and the inhabitants of d Precinct being accordingly assembled at a time & place made
 choice of Mr Ralph Smith Moderator for d meeting & then entered upon the consideration
 of the premises & after deliberate consideration concluded & determined that if a
 number of seven or more of the inhabitants of d Precinct shall now appear to carry
 off the back side wall of d South meeting house in d South precinct the whole length
 of d meeting house as it shall be when the same is lengthened at each end as is
 already heretofore determined & shall carry off the same eight or nine feet as shall be
 thought most convenient leaving a suitable ally room from east to west along
 the whole length of d addition to be cut off next to the ground side of the body of
 said meeting house & shall finish d work on d additional building with the Roof
 parallel to the Roof of the old Building well & ornamentally finished & additional building
 on d back side of d meeting house find & provide every thing for building and finish-
 ing d additional building at their own cost & charge excepting only so much
 of the old back wall of d old house as may be useful to help in building on
 finishing d work which d undertakers shall be allowed to use in the work without
 to remove any of the posts of d old house & that a convenient ally room be
 left to pass from the old part of d house into d new addition & Precinct to allow
 d undertakers to make d new addition as the old back side wall
 want Repairing in case d new addition was not built & there now appearing
 Ralph Smith William Norkel Samuel Higgins jun John Higgins
 Nathaniel Freeman jun John Freeman & Solomon Pepper inhabitants
 of d Precinct to undertake d work of additional building they to have the benefit
 of the room so enlarged to themselves
 The vote being called for upon the whole passed fully in the
 affirmative entered for Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

At a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham warned as the Law
 of July 1736 warned as the Law Directs to consider & make choice of a committee
 to select the ground in d meeting house in order to make what they see the same to the
 highest bidders or if the inhabitants of d Precinct shall think best to apprise & sell the
 same for the benefit of d precinct to defray the charges of enlarging d meeting
 house and the inhabitants of d Precinct then assembled made choice of Mr William Pine
 Moderator for d meeting then also entered upon the consideration of the premises & after deli-
 beration voted to choose three men for a committee to select the ground in order to
 make paws & to sell the same to the highest bidders then also voted that Timothy Cole
 Samuel Higgins jun & Solomon Pepper be the committee to select d ground for d paws
 and then d meeting was adjourned by vote to Monday next at two o'clock
 in the afternoon at d meeting house to be in order for all persons to bid for
 paws that they intended to have paws entered for Joseph Doane Precinct
 clerk

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at a public town meeting
October 8th 1734 then received the Report of Samuel Freeman jun^r and
Joseph Smith who were before appointed to audit the Precinct Treasurers accts^{ts}
who then gave in their Report in writing under their hands & seals on 24th day of
September 1734 that audited sd Precinct Treasurers accts^{ts} & find them Right c^{or}rect
and well accounted & there Remains due to sd Treasurers true by two pounds three
shillings & pence from sd Precinct & there Remains due from the severall constables
to the sd Treasurers one hundred & twenty four pounds six shillings & four pence
entered for me Joseph Doane Precinct Clerk

at a Precinct Meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham March the 10th 1734/5
warned to make choice of Precinct officers for the following year
then Deacon Knowles chosen moderator for sd meeting then Joseph Doane
chosen Precinct clerk then Edward Knowles chosen Precinct Treasurers
Then Israel Cole Samuel Doane jun^r & Joshua Higgins jun^r chosen Precinct
Assessors then Israel Cole Samuel Doane jun^r & Joshua Higgins chosen
Precinct Committee
Then William Water jun^r Samueel Doane jun^r Capt Samuel Knowles
and Jonathan Smith chosen to look after the boys at school days
entered Joseph Doane Precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham the 13th day of
August 1735 warned to consider & do what might be proper for Raising
of money for the support of sd Precinct Ministers & defraying the necessary
charges arising within sd Precinct Relating to the public worship of God
and also to consider & do what might be proper for Repairing Re-
pairing or enlarging the South meeting house in sd Precinct Edward Knowles
moderator & voted to Raise three hundred pounds on the poles
& estates of the Rateable Inhabitants in & belonging to sd Precinct to be
paid in as last year one hundred & fifty pounds there of to the support of
Mr Osborn for the present year ^{adding} and one hundred & fifty pounds there
of for the support of Mr Skedd this present year ^{entering} then also concluded and
voted that the South meeting house in sd Precinct enlarge the South meeting
in sd Precinct five ^{or six} feet at each end & new clabboard or shingle the easterly end &
the wall of the fore end & new shingle the fore side of the Roof & make new windows
frames for the easterly end & fore side & new doors to the house & all other
Repairs that shall be found needfull & that money be Raised this fall to purchase to
be in a Readiness to be in Readiness for the work to be done next spring & that there be
convenient Room for a Row of Pews all round sd house on the lower floor for to the
highest p^{er}sons for it & the money so Raised to be improved towards the defraying the charges
of enlarging & Repairing sd meeting house & that a committee be now chosen to carry on
sd work & for such money as shall be drawn out of sd Precincts Treasury to Repair or enlarge
sd meeting house shall also be drawn out of sd Precincts Treasury to Repair or enlarge
the North meeting house in sd Precinct when & so soon as there shall be occasion for the
same in the Judgment of the Major part of the Rateable Male persons that Congregate in sd
North meeting house in sd Precinct then also concluded & voted that forty pounds shall
be raised on the poles & estates of the Rateable Inhabitants in & of sd Precinct & as
we are obliged to pay towards the Public worship in sd Precinct also then voted that Joseph
Doane Esq^r & Mr Skellum Prime be a committee to carry on sd work

The Committee further Report that that the within Report be voted on condition that at or before the meeting for Raising the money within mentioned that a number of men undertake to be com bound to Rebuild and finish the meeting house for 10 hundred & twenty pounds & the benefit of the Room for pews.

at the afore d meeting viz, February the seventh 1733/4 the whole of the d Committee Report being general times Read & considered the vote being called for by the moderator upon the whole the vote putt in the affirmative.

Edward Knowles
Samuel Knowles junr
Israel Cole
Samuel Freeman junr
William Paine
Jabez Jones junr 3^d

entered by Joseph Doane precinct Clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the south precinct in Eastham on the 4th day of March 1733/4 we agreed to chuse Precinct officers for the following year then made choice of Edward Knowles for moderator for d meeting then made choice of Joseph Doane for precinct clerk then made choice of Edward Knowles for precinct treasurer.

then made choice of William Paine Samuel Freeman junr & Israel Cole for precinct Committee then also made choice of William Paine Samuel Freeman junr & Israel Cole for precinct assessors

entered by Joseph Doane precinct clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the south Precinct in Eastham the sixth day of January 1734 at the north meeting house in d Precinct we agreed to consider to do what might be proper for raising of money for the support of the ministers in d Precinct & also for the defraying of charges arising in d Precinct for the year current Edward Knowles chosen moderator for d meeting then considered & voted to Raise on the Poles & estates of the Inhabitants of d Precinct for such others as are obliged to pay to the same as the laws directs the sum of three hundred pounds & the list or lists made by the assessors of d Precinct for the same to be delivered to the Constables in d Precinct to be collected & paid in to the Treasurer of d Precinct or his Successor the one half thereof or over before the last day of November next & the other half on or before the last day of April next out of which d money so raised the Rev. Mr Samuel Osborn shall have paid unto him for the year current for his support in the work of the ministry so much over & above his stated salary as to make up the whole one hundred and forty pounds: and the Rev. Mr Benjamin Webb out of d money so raised shall have paid unto him for the year current for his support in the work of the ministry so much over & above his stated salary as to make up the whole one hundred and forty pounds & the Remainder to go for sweeping the meeting houses in d Precinct Repairing d meeting houses & paying the assessors for marking d Precincts Dues

entered by Joseph Doane Precinct Clerk

then voted that Samuel Freeman junr & Joseph Smith and at the Precinct Treasurers & Town Treasurers a counts & Make Report at the next town meeting

At a meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham being legally warned & convened the 31st day of January 1733/4 to consider & do what might be thought proper to be done in enlarging the South meeting house in said Precinct either by the whole Precinct or by giving some further liberty or directions to those that will do it at their own cost & charge & also to choose a Committee to determine what is Reasonable to be done for the Repairing said meeting house at which meeting Deacon Edward Knowles was by vote chosen Moderator it being a very full meeting.

Then at said meeting it was put to vote by said Moderator whether the vote obtained by the precinct at their meeting the eight day of August last past for particular persons enlarging said meeting house should be Reconsidered & Referred to & it was then passed in the affirmative for Reconsidering said former vote.

Then at said meeting the vote was by said Moderator called for whether the South Precinct would enlarge said South meeting house so far as should be thought convenient by a Committee chosen for that service at the cost of said Precinct & that the same sum be raised on said Precinct to enlarge the North meeting house in said Precinct when & as soon as there shall be need to enlarge said North meeting house in said precinct and the vote passed in the affirmative.

Then also at said meeting Deacon Edward Knowles Mr Samuel Freeman jun^r Mr Jacob Knowles jun^r Capt Samuel Knowles Mr William Paine & Mr Israel Cole were by vote chosen a Committee to consider what might be proper about enlarging said South meeting house & to make Report there of at the adjournment of this meeting then said meeting by vote was adjourned to Thursday the seventh day of February next at ten of the clock in the forenoon at said South meeting house.

Entered by me Joseph Dune Precinct Clerk

Pursuant to said adjournment on the seventh day of February 1733/4 the Inhabitants of the South precinct being again assembled at the South meeting house in said South precinct in Eastham in order to receive the Committee's Report &c. said Committee then accordingly gave in their Report concerning the premises signed with their names in the words following &c. The subscribers being a Committee chosen by the South precinct in Eastham to consider & make Report to said precinct at their meeting, when, how, &c. after what manner the South meeting house in said precinct shall be enlarged &c. accordingly we having considered the same &c. have agreed on the following Report (viz) that the said South meeting house be taken as it now is until the spring or summer of the year 1735 and that it be then taken all down to the ground & rebuilt again forthwith of the same bigness & Dimensions that the meeting house in Haverich now is & that so much of the old stuff be made use of in rebuilding the said house as shall be found serviceable & that there be a Committee now chosen to elect the same & that at the next meeting said precinct have for raising money there be an hundred & twenty pounds money raised by said precinct for their Committee to purchase Materials to Rebuild said house with and that as soon as said meeting house is raised & finished there be suitable Room let out for Rees all Round said house on the lower floor &c. in Room be found to those that will give the most for it & the money they are found for to be given for the finishing said house.

Edward Knowles
Samuel Knowles jun^r
Israel Cole
Samuel Freeman jun^r
William Paine
Jacob Knowles jun^r

② At a meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham the 12th day of March 1732/3
warned to Charge Precinct officers for the year ensuing by Reason the weather
was so uncomfortable & meeting was by vote adjourned to Monday next at
nine of the clock forenoon being the 13th day of March 1732/3 the Inhabitants of the South precinct being then assembled
March 19th 1732/3 the Inhabitants of the South precinct being then assembled
The present & adjournment then made choice of Israel Cole moderator
also for a meeting & then made choice of Joseph Doane Precinct clerk
then also made choice of David Knowles Precinct Treasurer
then made choice of William Poine Israel Cole Junior & Doane Junior
for Precinct assessors then also made choice of William Poine & Israel
Cole for Precinct Doane Junior for Precinct Committee
Entered Joseph Doane Precinct Clerk 61

At a meeting of the South precinct in Eastham on the 8th day of
August 1733 warned to agree upon to grant such sum or sums of money
as shall be judged needful for paying the Ministers salaries & for defraying
other necessary charges arising in said Precinct & also to consider & do what may
be found proper & needful to be done by an addition to their salaries for the
support of the Ministers in said Precinct & also to consider & do what may be
proper & convenient to be done in order to enlarge or repairing the South
meeting house in said Precinct or adjoint to what they shall thought
proper to be done for the Relief of Mr. Shepley now with respect to the five
pounds he hath had collected. Then David Doane & David Knowles
Chosen moderator for a meeting. Then at a meeting. Chosen & determined to raise
the sum of three hundred pounds. On the poles & estate with
the sum of three hundred pounds. In the sum of three hundred pounds
the sum of three hundred pounds of a Precinct to all such others as are obliged to pay
their proportion of the Rateable Inhabitants of a Precinct to that the officers make a Rate for
their proportion to the publick worship in a Precinct & that the officers make a Rate for
for the same accordingly & deliver the list or lists of the Rate to the Constables to collect
to pay in the sum to the Treasurer of a Precinct on or before the
last day of November next coming & the other half thereof on or before the
last day of April - next after and that the Treasurer pay out of a sum or
sums as follows to the Reverend Mr. James Offord for his one years salary the sum
of one hundred & forty pounds twenty pounds thereof being an addition for a year
and also that one hundred & forty pounds to the Reverend Mr. Benjamin Webb for
his one years salary for the year ensuing twenty pounds thereof being an addition
for a year & the other twenty pounds for repairing & improving the meeting house
in said Precinct also concluded at a meeting & determined that a committee of five good men
be chosen a committee to view & survey the windows & window frames walls & doors
of the South meeting house in said Precinct & what they shall judge needful for
repairing & improving the same to be done & the cost thereof to be paid by the South pre-
cinct of Eastham & that when and so soon as the North meeting house in said Precinct
shall want any such repairing the charge thereof to be raised on & paid by said South
Precinct & to be the like sum raised & paid for repairing said South meeting house as a
foresaid then made choice of Capt. Samuel Knowles Mr. Timothy Cole Robert Young Jr
Jellison Pepper & Mecciah Snow for a committee also at the above meeting voted
and determined that if a number of Men do or shall appear to enlarge the South
meeting house in said Precinct on the two ends & the back side so much as shall be thought nec-
essary or convenient by a Committee above named they shall have liberty to do so
they shall have the benefit of a suitable room to build pews all round said meeting house
on the lower for their own use & also to improve the back part of the gallery that shall
be enlarged for their own use they agreeing to purchase new Room in the new as they
shall think proper for pews in the old part of a house all the above written Precinct
was then at a meeting voted & entered by me Joseph Doane Precinct Clerk

at a meeting of the South Precinct in Eastham the 31 day of March anno Domini 1731
warned as the Law Directs for choosing Precinct officers for the ensuing year 110ification being -
signified in the notification for warning meeting for that work.
Capt Samuel Freeman being chosen Moderator for a meeting & then at a meeting made
choyce of Joseph Duane Esq. to be Clarke of a precinct whome then accordingly from as the
law direct then also made choyce of Nathaniel Freeman junr to be precinct Collector - also
then made choyce of Stephen Jinn to be precinct Collector - then also made choyce of Samuel -
Knowles junr Timothy Cole & Samuel Duane to be precinct Assessors then also made choyce
of Samuel Knowles junr Timothy Cole & Samuel Duane to be precinct Committee then also
made choyce of Deacon Edward Knowles to be precinct Treasurer
Entered Joseph Duane Precinct Clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the Inhabitants of the South Precinct in Eastham the twelfth day of August
1731 being warned as the Law Directs & notice given in the notification for warning & saying that the
same meeting was to conclude on raising money to pay the 211 shillings & pence due to the South
Precinct in Eastham for the year current & also to raise money for mending & repairing & sup-
plying the meeting houses belonging to a Precinct the Rateable Inhabitants accordingly assembled & made
choyce of Joseph Duane Esq. for Moderator for a meeting & then concluded that the sum of two hundred
& seventy pounds be forthwith raised by a Rate made by a Precinct Assessors upon the poles &
effects of the Rateable Inhabitants of a Precinct & all further by Law are obliged to pay to a charge ac-
cording to the Rate that the Law Directs & that the list or lists for a Rate be made be committed unto
a Precinct Collector to Collect & gather in the same together with a warrant for that purpose & that said
sum & sums be by a Precinct Collector delivered in to the Receiver General for the said Precinct & that said
the sum of one hundred pounds for the Receiver General for his salary for the year current
and the like sum for his salary for the year current be paid into the Receiver General Benjamin Webb for his salary
for the year current & that the one half part of a sum be paid in or before the last day of
November next coming & the other half part on or before the last day of April next coming 1732 and
that the whole of a sum be received in & paid out in Current Publick bills of Credit
voted at a meeting
Entered Joseph Duane Precinct Clerk

at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the South Precinct in Eastham the first day of
March 1731/2 warned to make choyce of Precinct officers for the year ensuing Deacon
Edward Knowles was chosen Moderator and then Joseph Duane Esq. was chosen Precinct
Clerk then also Samuel Freeman junr Joseph Cole & William Laine were chosen Precinct
Assessors then also Deacon Edward Knowles was chosen Precinct Treasurer then also -
Samuel Freeman junr Joseph Cole & William Laine were chosen Precinct Committee
then voted that the Precinct Treasurer should have a warrant for paying out the money
money except the 110 shillings & pence
Entered Joseph Duane Precinct Clerk

at a Precinct meeting of the Inhabitants of the South Precinct in Eastham the third
day of August 1732 warned as the Law Directs & notice given in the warrant for calling said
meeting that the same was to consider & act what might be proper for raising money to pay the
salaries of the ministers of a Precinct & such other charge as belongs to the publick worship of God in
a Precinct & also to consider & do what might be proper in raising to a Precinct salaries of which
meeting Nathaniel Freeman Esq. was chosen Moderator & then at a meeting it was concluded &
voted that the sum of two hundred & seventy pounds should be forthwith raised by a Rate made by
a Precinct Assessors on the poles & effects of the Rateable Inhabitants of a Precinct & such others as
are obliged to pay to a charge & that a Rate be made as the Law Directs & that the list of a Rate
be committed to the Constable of a Town of Eastham with warrants for collecting the
same & that a sum be by a Constable delivered in to the Treasurer of a Precinct or his successor in
that office to be by a Treasurer paid out as follows viz, to the Rev. Mr Samuel Offord thirty pounds
with an addition of thirty pounds more this year for his salary for the year current & also to the
Rev. Mr Benjamin Webb thirty pounds with an addition of thirty pounds more for his salary for
the year current & the Remainder to be paid out by order as need shall require for repairing and
supplying the meeting houses in a Precinct & other proper charge belonging to the publick worship of
God & that the one half part of a sum be paid in as aforesaid on or before the last day of April next
and the other half on or before the last day of April next 1732 and that the whole sum be given
in & paid out in publick Current bills of Credit to the Precinct Treasurer
Entered Joseph Duane Precinct Clerk

Whereas there is a certain parcell of brush and trees growing between the land of Josiah Cooke Sr and the place called the grape-vine Swamp in Eastham which said brush and trees are very beneficial to preserve the land now adjacent from being destroyed by the sand blowing up thereon, and thereby ruining said adjacent land which if said trees be cut down will be very prejudicial to said town and especially to said Josiah Cooke Sr - - Therefore (at the request of said Josiah Cooke) it was voted at a town meeting in said Eastham on the twentieth day of August 1711: That no person or persons whatsoever shall cut down or carry away any tree or trees or any brush from of said parcell of land (viz) from of the land that lies between the place by the Cooke's house and the place called the grape-vine Swamp below the lower or lower way that goes through the woods or brush under such penalty as the law gives. And for cutting trees or brush from off another mans land to be recovered by due process of law by said Josiah Cooke or any other person or persons that said town shall empower

This act or order was voted as above said at the above said town meeting in Eastham

Attest John Paine Town Clerk

At the Court of Generall Sessions of the peace holden at Barnstable for the County of Barnstable on the first Tuesday in October 1711: the said Court did approve and allow of the within Town order or By-law

Attest Wm Bassett Clerk

This above written is a true Copie recorded from the original and therewith compared January 21st 1712

Attest John Paine Town Clerk

December 21: 1731

Then John Huggins gave acct of some wackwood he had taken upon the flats in
Essex among the ice viz 21 empty barrels 2 barrels with some fider in them six
wack 2 flocks of moffy last week

entry of Joseph Doane town clerk

or taken direct

July 25: 1733

Then Eliza Huggins of Essex informed me in order to be entered that she on
Saturday last the 21st of July had taken upon the flats some damage to a brown collar
short tail & hip sheen entry of me Joseph Doane town clerk

September 29th: 1733

Then William Smith of Essex informed me that this day he took
a fishing boat with two oars on the back side of Larch Beach in the 12 foot
bed with three shingles built with fider bone maple timbers

entry of me Joseph Doane town clerk

July 12th: 1740

Then Eliza young of Essex brought in to me the forks of the
flack of 79 Porpos tails which he declared was taken in the new Porpos net which
William Daine Elger had with the assistance of others made & catch Porpos with
and had been by the company taken in a net by them killed on the back side of
Essex and is accordingly entered & recorded by me Joseph Doane town clerk

August the 9th: 1740

Eliza young brought in to me 46 Porpos forks tails or 46
forks

August 22: 1740

Eliza young brought in to me 43 Porpos tails

October 28: 1740

Eliza young and young with bona fide that the above
number of porpos tails was by him & company taken by him & company in their porpos
net in the employ of William Daine of Essex Elger which number were entered & confirmed
by me Joseph Doane town clerk

July 24: 1740

Then Joshua Knowlton brought in to me 60 forks of porpos
tails which he declared were caught in the porpos net

September 27: 1740

Then Joshua Knowlton brought in to me 29 porpos tails
and gave oath that the above number of tails were by him & company taken in their
porpos net in the employ of William Daine of Essex Elger and accordingly confirmed
by me Joseph Doane town clerk

Memorandum August 26th 1715 Josiah Harding brought a stray
not taken up by him self on the 25th of the instant to have him entered
as the law directs said horse is of a black color without any white or a
white fire for signs and judged to be about five years old and is growing
and hath neither ear-mark nor brandmark entered *of the* Pains Town Clerk

Memorandum January 28th 1718/19 Mr Samuel Knowles gave an account
(in order to have it entered as the law directs) of two roat cattle by him taken
up as strays on the twentyfourth day of January current whose natural and ar
tificial marks are as followeth viz: one of them a heifer about three years old
is ~~black~~ ^{spotted} ~~black~~ brown and white her tail white marked with a half point
in the under or hinder side of the right ear and a slit in the top of the same ear
the other a steer about two years old being also pied black and white with a white
tail no artificial mark when ~~he~~ he came to him but fine marked by him self
with a hollow crop on the top of each ear

July 27th 1724 Isaac Pierce of Eastham gave an account
of a canoe taken up in December 1723 and now in the hands
of sd Isaac pierce the sd canoe is made of white pine about
twelve foot long & about three foot wide made of two pieces and
dovetailed in the bottom with six dovetails and a brock hook
in the bows and a stem, and a strap in the head on each
side of stem and upland to back in of stem

On the fifth day of March 1729th Debra Doane wife of Joseph Doane jun^r gave an
acct to come as the law directs that one Charles Gallup with his wife & two children were then
come to reside a little while in their house in Eastham who came last from Chatham &
that they were under some circumstances all which I have performed the select men of
Eastham the above written has received & entered by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

On the 15th day of May 1730th Joseph Doane jun^r being returned home from the Isle of
Sable informed me as the law directs that when he came home he found in his house contrary
to his oath or liking one Charles Gallup with his wife & two children under some circumstances
& before as he could learn sd belong to the Town of Chatham. Received & entered
by me Joseph Doane Town Clerk

On the 27th day of April 1731st Samuell Doane gave an acct to mee which I
have here entered that on the 22nd day of d April he & his son James Doane took up
one the sea shore in Eastham at the point of Nutter beach near the stage harbor
part of an old torn sail of a vessel which he judged to belong to some skinner being
a square sail with some ropes or Ryeen blocks & gun hooks to it: & declared he knew no
other goods belonged to: Entered by Joseph Doane Town Clerk

December 17: 1731st then John Bee gave an acct that hee Josiah Harding
Elisha Cobb with others secured from a wreck that came near the shore a place
called Massett's cove in Eastham one main mast & fore mast from sd Riving &
some from one little from pot firing gun & one silver buckell which sd goods may
look up & secured for the owners as the law directs on the 14th & 15th of December 1731
Entered by Joseph Doane Town Clerk

March 26: 1743 the Town is Dr to Joseph Doane clerk of the Town of Eastham
 for Recording the way laid out by the selectmen & voted by the Town 1: cash 10.00 - 0 - 6
 May 16: 30 for drawing a petition for the selectmen to lay before the Court of General
 sessions of the Peace for opening the way that leads to Richard Jermans New house - 0 - 0 - 0
 for a copy of the Record of a way - 0 - 0 - 0
 for a copy of the list of the names of the Townsmen of Eastham for the use
 of the committee about the common land - 0 - 1 - 0
 a copy of the Record of the committee being by the Town appointed for that service - 0 - 0 - 0
 a copy of Elipha Youngs land in order to lay out a way to the watering place
 at the high New house - 0 - 0 - 1
 June 7 for a copy of the nine shewers meadow at the south end of the Town - 0 - 0 - 6
 1743 for the committees use New house - 0 - 0 - 0
 July 26th for a copy of the Record of the Committee that acted about the common
 meadow & sedge ground in Eastham In order for the Town to proceed
 further upon it a Town meeting the 6th of July 1743 New house 0 - 1 - 0
 July 7 south proprietors for Recording their Grant 2 lawful money - 0 - 2 - 0
 Recording the middle proprietors Grant lawful money - 0 - 1 - 0
 Recording north proprietors Grant - 0 - 1 - 0
 Aug 1st 3 for a copy of the Record for the middle proprietors Grant - 0 - 1 - 0
 1743 4. a copy of the list of names of the south proprietors - 0 - 1 - 0

Great record from 1731 to 1762

1751 - 5 - 100 4
 1752 - 6 - 100 3
 1753 - 7 - 100 2

The first record taken 17th Feb 1734

The first record of the Town of Eastham

July the first day 1718 For as much as the Inhabitants of the Town of Eastham are made deeply sensible by wooll experience of the great damage that happens to persons generally in D Town by horsekind going at large on the common or undivided lands in D Town not being sufficiently followed by breaking into meadows and other inclosures though well fenced to the great damage of the publick: and for the better protection of D Town having had particular directions or instructions ^{in writing} for the law direct to make some necessary rule order or by-law for the managing the prudent and fair of D Town relating to & permission: Judging it will be conducing to the peace welfare and good order of D Town. Do therefore order and determine that hence forward for the space of three years next coming no horsekind shall be suffered or allowed to go at large within the Township of Eastham on the common or undivided lands in D Town or in the lands of any particular person or persons in D Town other than the land of the owner or owners of such horsekind without being sufficiently followed so as to prevent such horse or horsekind breaking into Inclosures. And that if any horse or horsekind be found going at large as above D within the Township of Eastham from and after the last day of April: annually during D term until the last day of October annually during D Term that they the D Horsekind shall then be counted & adjudged Damages for want and it shall and may be lawful for any person it persons to take up such horsekind and impound the same and every person so impounding any horse or horsekind shall be paid by the owner thereof for his pains and trouble one shilling or half for each horsekind so impounded and also that the owner of such horsekind do pay unto the pound keeper two pence a head for each horsekind so impounded. And that the Generall laws of the Province be duly attended to as to notification given of such horsekind being impounded and provision for them made and that the same proceedings as the Generall laws of the Province direct unto may be attended: for the appraising and disposing of D horsekind so impounded for paying the charges arising thereupon as above said. And whereas the beach called Naugat beach and the beach called Rocky beach are the only walls of security to keep off the insultring waves of the Atlantic Sea from destroying all the meadow-grounds within D Beaches: and horsekind troding thereon and feeding down the beach grass growing on D Beaches in the winter seasons of the year as well as in the summer seasons of the year is found to be very hurtfull to D Beaches and is the only cause of the winds driving away the sand in places that the main sea now begins to run over D Beaches in many places and is not timely remedied will sweep away and cover up some hundred pounds worth of meadow ground in a little time. For Remedy whereof we the Select men of D Eastham do also further order and determine that hence forward no horsekind shall be allowed at any season of the year and at no time during the above said ~~term~~ ^{year} to go at large on either of said beaches without being sufficiently followed and if found otherwise thereon then to be reputed Damages for want and to be proceeded with as above said and the owner of such horsekind liable to suffer as is above said in every respect which our rules or By-laws shall be and remain in force power and virtue for and during the space of three years next after the date above said and no longer unless the D Town see cause to revive the same.

These By-laws or Town orders were presented to the Court of Generall Sessions of the peace holden by ad Jownment at New Bedford for the County of Barnstable on the 19th day of August 1718 and by D Court allowed & approved. Attest Wm. Russell Clerk.

Samuel Mayo

Isaac Bupper

Select men

Eastham By-laws

The above written orders and By-laws for the Town of Eastham are Transferred and recorded from the original verbatim

Attest Jesse Paine Town Clerk

Whereas there hath and doth much damage happen and accrue to the Town of Eastham by persons enclosing and improving the common or undivided land from time to time contrary to the minds and wishes of the laws of the Town and to the great damage of the inhabitants and priors of the Town respectively, for prevention whereof, be it ordered by the Town of Eastham and it is hereby ordered and enacted by the Town and vote of a town meeting in the Eastham on the fifteenth day of March 1703, that no person or persons shall from and after the date hereof fence in or enclose any of the common or undivided land belonging to or lying within the property of the Town or keep enclosed any such land already taken in or enclosed on penalty of forfeiting and paying ten shillings to the use of the Town for every acre of land which he or they shall take in or enclose without the special leave first orderly obtained from the Town and so proportionably for any lesser quantity and ten shillings an acre annuall and so proportionably for every year that he or they shall keep enclosed any such land heretofore taken in or that shall be taken in or kept enclosed: all which fines and penalties shall be paid for and recovered for the use of the Town in manner as is by law provided for recovering Town debts or dues.

These above written orders and by-laws were agreed on and voted at a Town meeting in the Eastham on the day and in the year above named attest J^r Paine Town Clerk

Whereas it is observed within the township of Eastham that five-wood and birch is like to be very scarce and that much damage is already done and much likely to be done accruing to the Town by the cutting young sapling poles and brush for fire-wood and fencing and by pooring of Cedars whereby much damage is done in hindering the growth of Cedar height for prevention of all which abuses, be it ordered by the Town of Eastham and it is hereby ordered and enacted by the Town of Eastham at a Town meeting in the Eastham on the twentieth day of March 1703, that no person shall within the limits of the bounds of the township of the Eastham shall cut down any green oak or walnut trees or brush on any of the common or undivided land belonging to the Town under the size of ten inches over at the butt or place where it is cut down to use either for firewood or for fencing or bring any such firewood or fencing stuff to his or their house or any other place for use afore said: or shall sell any such wood to any other person or persons for such use until the term of seven years from the date hereof be fully expired on penalty of forfeiting ten shillings to the use of the Town for every tree so cut carried away or disposed of to be recovered for the use of the Town in any Court proper to try the same. And it is also further ordered at the above Town meeting that no person or persons shall within the term of seven years cut any green Cedar tree for fencing under the size of eight inches over at the butt on any of the Towns commons nor pool any young green Cedar under the penalty of forfeiting ten shillings for every tree so cut or carryed away and the like penalty for every green Cedar tree or pole poored as afore said to be paid for the use or recovered in manner as above said unless the Cedar tree was above the size of eight inches over at the butt and that be first cut down for other use.

And it is also further ordered and enacted at the Town meeting on the twentieth day of March that no person from and after the date hereof shall fire the woods at any time of the year within the township of Eastham on any of the Towns commons on penalty of forfeiting twenty shillings to the use of the Town for each such default to be recovered and paid for the use of the Town as above said. These orders and by-laws were agreed on and voted at a Town meeting in Eastham the day and year above specified.

Attest John Paine Town Clerk

at Her Majesties Court of General Sessions of the peace holden at Barnstable in April 1704 these above written by-laws were presented to and approved by also by said Court

Attest W^m Bassett Clerk

These above written orders and by-laws with the Courts approbation are faithfully recorded from the original and therewith compared

Attest John Paine Town Clerk

**TOWN OF
EASTHAM, MA**

MEETINGS

1701-1706

SOUTH

PRECINCT

1731-1762

END